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HOUSING REPORT ISSUE !!!

DR. JOSEPH W. T. DUVEL

By. C.E. Henley

Dr. Joseph W.T. Duvel, chief of the Grain Futures Administration, guides the destiny of one of the most important but probably the least spoken of bureau in the Department of Agriculture. Only recently Dr. Duvel's administration has been commanding prominent space in the newspapers because of charges brought against certain mid-western brokers concerning alleged violations of the Grain Futures Act.

Born in 1873 in the small town of Wapakoneta, Ohio, Dr. Duvel, after the usual preparation for college, entered Ohio State university, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science in 1897. Five years later the U. of Michigan awarded him the Doctor of Science degree. The latter part of 1902 brought the doctor to the department as a crop technologist in the Bureau of Plant Industry, and for 8 years he was in charge of grain standardization investigations. He culminated this phase of his work in this field by perfecting an invention for determining the moisture content in grains.

In 1922 Dr. Duvel was appointed U.S. grain exchange supervisor on the Chicago Board of Trade, holding that assignment until recalled to Washington in 1925 to take over his present job.

An ardent follower of out door activities he devotes his periods of relaxation to the study of nature. Being a member of the Washington Botanical society, the Potomac Grange and the Washington Biological Field club, he finds ample time in which to pursue his interests in wild life. He is also a member of the Washington Cosmos club besides maintaining an active interest in the undertakings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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STAMP COLLECTORS ACTIVE

A group of philatelists of the department held an interesting meeting Friday, September 27. The organization of a Society along these lines and program plans

WELFARE PARTY

November 2 is the date set for the next Welfare Party to be held for the benefit of the department post of the American Legion. An overwhelming demand for another "indoor" lawn party, such as the one sponsored by the Welfare, Sept. 7, is one of the reasons for holding this next jamboree.

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DRAMATIC GUILD PRESENTS

A presentation of three plays by the Drama division of the Musical and Dramatic guild will be given on the night of Thursday, October 17, 8:30 p.m. Miss Viola Randolph will direct the first of three one-act plays to be staged in the department auditorium, "Trifles" by Susan Glaspel. "The Hope Chest", directed by Miss Alice Wolfe, will be the second one presented, while Carl Christianson will direct the final play of the evening, Lady Gregory's "The Rising of the Moon". Music will be furnished by the department symphony orchestra, Dr. Walter Bauer conducting.

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BOWLING

Comptroller's office is still leading in the ladies aggie bowling league with 8 games won and 1 lost; while Economics and Livestock are runners-up, each with 6 games in their favor and 3 lost. Miss Eno still holds individual honors; the Harvesters have high team game of 471; and Economics high team set of 1385.

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WON SECOND HONORS

Our track star Prenheim traveled to Princeton university last week end and in a special invitation pentathlon meet against the country's best athletes, won second honors.

were discussed. A meeting of this group will be held at 4:40 p.m., Tuesday, October 8, in room 544 Administration building. All interested are invited to attend.

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THE AGRICULTURAL EXCHANGE

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DRAMA DIVISION TO MEET FRIDAY

The Drama division of the guild will meet in the auditorium Friday, October 11 at 4:30 p.m. Miss Lucille Way will discuss plans for the forthcoming season. All members of the division should be present, as also anyone else interested in dramatics, all are cordially invited.

RESIGNS

It is with considerable regret that I find it necessary to give up my work as Editor of the Agricultural Exchange. However, I believe my successors will carry on as competently as I have and we hope the paper will show considerable improvement in due time. Hereafter, will all persons with questions to ask or news items to report please PUT IT INTO A CHAIN ENVELOPE AND MAIL IT TO THE EDITORS OF THE EXCHANGE, Division of Operations, U.S.D.A.

George H. Day

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RENTALS

HOUSES: 5-room unfurn. in Silver Spr.
--5-room unfurn. on Brandywine St.--3-room for sale on C St. NE.

ROOMS- MEN OR WOMEN: Single, double, on G St. NW--single on 13 St. NW in Apt.--single, double in Chevy Chase, D.C.--double on Fairmont St. NW--single on Park Road NW.--double in Oakcrest, Alexandria--double, single on 14 St. NE.--single, double on C St. NE.

ROOMS, WOMEN ONLY: for one or two in Clarendon, Va.--single on Logan Circle--single with transportation on 4th St. NW--double on 16 St. NW--single in apt. on 16 St. NW.

ROOMS, MEN ONLY: single, double in Silver Spring, Md.--double with board on 21st St. NW--single on Staple St. NE.

APARTMENTS: 2-room, kitchen, bath for girl to share--2-room, kitchen, bath, porch on I St. NW--2-room, kitchen, bath, in residence in nearby Virginia to be ready about Dec. 1, unfurn.--3-room, kitchen, bath, first floor, unfurn. in Somerset, Md.

WANTED: 5 or 6-room detached house in nearby Virginia or Maryland, with at least 2 bedrooms. must have garage and oil heat --a fourth girl to share 2-room, kitchen, bath, furn. apt. on 16 St. NW.

See Miss Albright, Room 1897 South bldg.

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Miss Way has recently been added to the staff of directors. She comes to the Drama guild backed by eleven years of experience obtained in teaching dramatics in high schools and colleges in Minnesota and California. Besides personally directing future productions Miss Way will act as general production manager for the dramatic division.

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BRIDGE CLUB'S FIRST PARTY

F.E. Holmes, PR, president of the ARA Bridge club, announces that the first party, a progressive game, will be held Friday evening, October 11, at the Berkshire Inn, 1603 K St., NW. Play will begin promptly at 8:15 p.m.

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DUPLICATE BRIDGE SEASON

The department Duplicate Bridge club opened its winter season September 25. Officers were elected for the coming year: Fred Minchmeyer (Food & Drug Adm.), president; Bailey E. Brown (Plant Industry), vice-president; Miss Anna P. Kelly (Economics), treasurer; and Mrs. Thelma F. Lee (Food & Drug), secretary.

Dr. F.C. Blanck (Chem. & Soils) and H.T. Herrick (Food & Drug) were winners, north and south; Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Rowe (Food & Drug) were winners, east and west.

The next meeting will be held at 2400 16th St. NW. in the Palm room, Wednesday, October 9, at 8 p.m.

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ANOTHER SOFTBALL GAME

Just after believing the curfew had tolled on the softball season, the Aggies have accepted an invitation of the Seaboard R.R. team to play a game in Portsmouth, Va., Sunday, October 13. A number of other offers have been rejected due to the lateness of the season.

Join our softball team and see the country!

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JOIN THE A. R. A.

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WINTER SCHEDULE

Through the generous cooperation of the Community Center of the District, which has supervision of the gymnasium, the A.R.A. is able to announce its official winter sports schedule, beginning October 14.

Official: Mondays:

MEN'S BASKETBALL - 7:30 to 8:30 PM
Roosevelt Gym - 13th & Upshur Sts. NW
GIRL'S BASKETBALL - 7:00 to 10:00 PM
Langley Gym - 3rd & T Sts., NE

Tuesdays:

MEN'S BASKETBALL - 7:30 to 8:30 PM
Roosevelt Gym - 13th & Upshur Sts., NW
GIRL'S EXERCISE CLASS - 8:30 to 9:30 PM
MEN'S EXERCISE CLASS - 9:30 to 10:30 PM
Roosevelt Armory

Wednesdays:

WRESTLING - 7 - 9 PM BOXING - 7 - 9 PM
FENCING - 7 - 9 PM ARCHERY - 9 - 11 PM
Roosevelt Armory

Thursdays:

MEN'S BASKETBALL - 7:30 to 9:30 PM
Roosevelt Gym

Fridays:

GIRL'S BASKETBALL - 7:00 to 10:00 PM
Hine Gym - 7th & C Sts., SE

Roosevelt Gym - take 14th St. or Georgia Ave. cars to Upshur St.

Langley Gym - take Brookland cars - get off No. Capitol and T Sts.

Hine Gym - take Navy Yard, 17th & Pa. Ave. SE cars - get off 7th St., SE

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JOIN A CLASS

Now that the A.R.A. has contracted for these gyms, we hope the employees will do their part by attending the classes. The cost is ten cents (10¢) per person each night, which entitles you to instruction, use of gym, shower and a locker. Of course, you must show your 25¢ A.R.A. Membership card.

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N O T I C E

A meeting of the school for basketball referees will be held on Thursday, October 10, in Room 0039 - 3rd Wing, basement, South Bldg., at 4:45 PM

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

There are still six franchises in the men's intra-bureau basketball league open, so please send in your applications at once to Jimmy Hitchins, Rm. 403, Old Post Office. After these are filled, we will be unable to accept any others. Practice periods will be assigned next week.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL

An instruction class in girls' basketball for those who are beginners or wish to pick up the game again will be held on each of the girls' nights. So, girls, get up a group from your office and come along. You do not have to be a star player to join. LOTS OF FUN.

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EXERCISE CLASS

It has been decided to divide the exercise class into separate groups, one for the girls and one for the men. Beginning with elementary exercises, the class will work up to apparatus work and tumbling. Light beneficial games will help along. Just the thing for those who wish to reduce and also will help build up those underweight. No special uniform necessary, - shorts, gym suits, etc. Classes will begin and end promptly on time.

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PROUD OF RECORD

Our A.A.A. baseball team deserves a final line. These boys had a really good team. They won the pennant in their league and were promised a chance in the playoff, but at the final minute some were offered places on an all-star team. We really believe these in charge of the playoff were afraid Angelo Caruso's boys would upset the applecart. Anyway, boys, we know you would have won, and we're proud of your record.

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SURPRISED

"Eddie" Jordan, who is leaving for field work in Little Rock, Arkansas, was agreeably surprised by his associates last Tuesday when they presented him with a handsome traveling bag. "Eddie," Supervisor in Cotton Option Office was well liked by all who worked with him.

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DANCE - DANCE

A dance which deserves your patronage will be held Saturday night, 10 'til 1, October 19, at the Lee House, 15th and L streets, NW. It is for the benefit of the department's triple-champion softball team. These boys during the season have incurred some expenses for which they dug into their jeans to pay without a protest. They made history for the department as athletes, gentlemen and good sportsmen. They did not ask that a collection be taken for the deficit. They are giving you full value in an evening's entertainment with a ten-piece orchestra. Can we let them down? See you there. It's a date!

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HEAVY STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Enrollment in the course on Mathematics for Students of Economic Theory and Statistics has turned out to be so heavy, and the preparation of the students so varied, that the class has been divided into two sections - one elementary, the other advanced. Irven Naiman of the AAA has been engaged to teach the elementary section which will meet hereafter in room 3816 South building, Fridays at 4:45 p.m.

The advanced section will continue under Dr. Deming in room 2050 at the same time. It is felt that in this arrangement the mathematical ambitions of the members of the class can be much better accommodated. Prospective students, undecided in which section they belong, should consult the instructors.

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FENCING

The first meeting of the season for the Fencing club will be held Wednesday, October 9, 8 p.m., at the armory of the Roosevelt high school, 13th and Upshur streets. All experienced fencing enthusiasts, as well as those wishing to learn the art, are invited to attend this inaugural winter meeting. Further information may be obtained from Irven Naiman, room 2734 South building., Ext. 2887.

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When you join the Athletic-Recreational Association of the Department of Agriculture; you are joining a big organization, and it only costs 25¢ a year!

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WELFARE

STORE

BARGAINS

A large supply of all cuts of FRESH PORK will arrive Tuesday fresh from Beltsville.

Ever-ready COCOA	1 lb.	36¢
" " "	5 lbs.	\$1.65

100 % PURE MAPLE SYRUP	
1 gallon	\$ 2.45

All PORK SAUSAGE	1b.	31¢
Green Links SAUSAGE	1b.	33¢
Roquefort CHEESE	1b.	50¢

Specials on candy all this week

SHOP AT THE WELFARE STORE

JOIN THE A. R. A. -- NOW'S THE TIME

The tremendous response to the coupon published recently leads us to repeat it in this issue of the Exchange. The A.R.A. has planned a very busy social season, including dancing, indoor swimming, riding and benefit entertainments.

NOW IS THE TIME TO CLIMB ABOARD THE A.R.A. BAND WAGON.

In order to join, simply bring or mail the coupon below to Mrs. Elsie E. Romero, room 3531 South building.

NAME

BUREAU DIVISION

ROOM PHONE

HOME ADDRESS

TELEPHONE DATE

ACTIVITIES IN WHICH INTERESTED

Membership Fee -- 25¢ a year

REASONABLE APARTMENT RENTS FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Report of the U. D. Department of Agriculture
Rent and Housing Committee

Survey

The questionnaire survey of the 11,000 employees of the Department of Agriculture conducted last winter disclosed that 2,000 employees wished to rent low cost apartments and were willing to pay \$12 per room for them (\$36 for living room, bedroom, kitchen and bath). The average rent then being paid was \$16 per room, and it was further shown that rents were being increased from 20 to 40 percent. (Note: Kitchen and bath are counted as one-half room each, thus an apartment consisting of living room, bedroom, kitchen and bath, is a three room apartment.)

What the Committee Has Done

Request For Federal Assistance

Since only a few of those answering questionnaires evidenced a desire to invest in cooperative apartments, the only course left open to the committee was to request some outside agency to provide housing on a straight rental basis. Consequently, members prepared a brief of the information found in the survey and submitted same to the Public Works Administration in the form of a request for public construction of a 2,000 family, self-liquidating apartment project, rentals to average \$12 per room. The housing division of the Public Works Administration analyzed this request, and after many conferences advised the Rent and Housing Committee that under the existing policy of the administrator the division could not give the request further consideration.

The policy of the Public Works Administration is to provide through subsidization, very low cost housing, rentals averaging \$7 per room, for the low income groups. The total incomes of prospective tenants must ordinarily not be in excess of \$1,500 per year.

Members of the committee pointed out that in Washington today nobody then was building for the average income group of from \$1,500 to \$3,000 per year. P.W.A. planned to rent at \$7 per room but at present employees were actually paying more than double that amount, or \$16 per room with rents being increased monthly. Finally, because of the serious housing shortage existing in the District, Director Clas agreed to request the administrator to allow him to provide non-subsidized housing for government employees whose incomes were not in excess of \$3,000 per year. Rentals of \$12 per room were considered adequate to make a profit self-liquidating. Public Works Administrator Harold L. Ickes replied to this request that the housing division would not be permitted to provide housing for government employees in the higher income groups. It was felt that the 1,500 family development consisting of one white project and two colored projects already announced for Washington would have to suffice for the present. These three projects as announced in the newspapers carry \$7 room rentals but officials of the housing division say that individuals with incomes up to \$2,500 per year may apply. The projects will not be finished according to the most optimistic predictions before the fall of 1936. Application may be made by writing the Housing Division, Public Works Administration, Interior Building, Washington, D. C.

Attempts to Interest Private Capital

The committee, being in possession of factual information showing the dire need for new construction it was felt that private capital could be induced to provide medium cost housing for the many employees needing it. A step has already been taken in this direction by the Ring Construction company with its Colonial Village apartments in Clarendon, Va., where rentals are \$12.50 per room.

Several private companies became interested in the possibility of this low cost housing as the Federal Housing Administration agreed to insure private loans for any such projects. The committee has supplied these companies with information as to the number and kind of apartments needed and has further attempted to enlist their support in supplying reasonably priced apartments. However, no private project has yet been launched as a result of the activities of the Rent and Housing Committee.

Prospects for the Future

The committee has demonstrated through incontrovertible facts that a real shortage exists, but no federal agency is disposed at present to supply federal employees of average income with reasonably priced housing. The Rural Resettlement Administration has announced a plan to build 600 living units near Beltsville for low salaried federal employees there, but no details as to the possibilities of this project are yet available. Private capital is not unaware of the needs in the District, but all apartments built this summer, except those in Colonial Village, cannot be rented for less than \$18 to \$20 per room, or from \$50 to \$60 for living room, bedroom, kitchen and bath.

However, in the last few weeks the committee has contacted four separate concerns who are planning low cost developments on a large scale with rentals to average \$12.50 per room. Possibly negotiations for one of these can be brought to a conclusion early this fall and the committee will be able to offer from 200 to 300 apartments to agricultural employees. Announcement will be made through the columns of the EXCHANGE.

(Signed) Frank Lombard, Chairman.

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DR. LOUISE STANLEY

By C.E. Henley

Dr. Louise Stanley, chief of the Bureau of Home Economics, is a native of Tennessee, but by virtue of her training and experience she represents the United States at large. Having graduated from Peabody college she continued her studies at the University of Chicago, Columbia university.

Dr. Stanley was instrumental in building up the division of home economics at the University of Missouri, and it was from that school she was called to Washington to head the federal bureau.

Prior to taking over this job she had opportunities of studying national and international problems of home economics. On leave from the U. of Missouri she served as home economics agent for the federal board for vocational education.

At another time she was a delegate to the international conference of home economics teaching in Belgium, and was chairman of the legislative committee of the American home economics association. In August 1928, and again in 1930, Dr. Stanley represented the United States at the Pan-Pacific Women's conference in Hawaii.

Later (December 1928) she was appointed official representative of the Department of Agriculture on the American Standards association. She was the first woman to hold such an appointment and to enter into the technical direction of national industrial standardization activities.

Dr. Stanley is a member of a number of scientific and social organizations.

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ANOTHER WELFARE PARTY NOVEMBER 2

Be sure to save the evening of November 2 for another Welfare association party similar to the rollicking one given in the Administration building in September.

Yes, there will be bingo, fortune telling and probably some real surprises of a Hallowe'en nature.

You thoroughly enjoyed the last "lawn" party. Come and have some more fun at this one.

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ORCHESTRA AND PLAY TO BE

PRESENTED ON NIGHT OF OCT. 17

A joint performance by the Dramatic and Orchestral division of the Musical and Dramatic guild will be presented in the department auditorium Thursday, October 17, 8:30 p.m. Only one of the plays announced in last week's Exchange will be given at this time.

Dr. Walter Bauer will conduct the symphony orchestra in:

Auber, "Overture to the Opera Masaniello"

Edward German, "Nell Gwyn" Three Dances

Richard Wagner, "Albumblatt"

Niels Gade, "Ossian Tone Poem"

Anton Rubenstein, "Wedding March from Puccini"

Miss Marie Martel, soprano soloist of the Choral division, will sing "The Last Rose of Summer" and "Comin' Through the Rye".

Miss Viola Randolph will direct and present the one-act play "Trifles" by Susan Glaspell. The cast follows:

Henry Peters, sheriff, A.W. Wolstencroft

George Henderson, county attorney, Joseph Klein

Lewis Hale, neighboring farmer, Robert Campbell

Mrs. Peters, Agnes Arnett

Mrs. Hale, Edith Aymer

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COMMUNITY HOMES PROJECT

RECEIVES GENEROUS RESPONSE

Over 45 new home owners from various branches of the government service have selected their lots in response to the final campaign for home builders for the Agricultural Homes project in Jefferson Heights, Alexandria, Va.

Several have homes nearing completion and other members of the group are busily selecting the type of home to meet their needs and desires, and are working out the details with the contractor.

The group, in a recent meeting, planned to perpetuate the Community Planning association. * * * * *

THE AGRICULTURAL EXCHANGE

NOTICE

With the resignation of George H. Day as Editor of this weekly sheet and because of a reorganization attendant upon this action, we are asking that all correspondents and others who have items for the paper mail their stories: AGRICULTURAL EXCHANGE, Room 6756 South building.

C.E. Cutter, Jr.,
Acting Editor

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HOUSING PROBLEMS

ROOMS, MEN ONLY: Single on Cathedral Ave.--double with private bath on Adams Mill road--double on Warren St. NW.

ROOMS, WOMEN ONLY: Room to share on Columbia road--room to share, reasonable, on Fairmont, NW.--room to share, and board, on Independence Ave.--double in apartment on P Street, NW.

ROOMS, MEN OR WOMEN: Single or double in apartment on Columbia road NW.--bedroom and living room with board on Kearney St., NE.--17 rooms for rent, newly decorated, single and double with running hot and cold water, recreation room in building, on Calvert street.

APARTMENTS: Man wishes to share apartment and expenses, on I St. NW.--bachelor apartment on third floor and 2-room kitchenette apartment on second floor of home, for rent separately or together, on Chestnut Ave., Takoma Park, Md.

HOUSES: 6-room, garage, furn. for one year to family of adults--5 or 6-room house for sale or rent in Temple Hills, Md.--9-room house for rent unfurn., garage, oil heat, elec. refrig., on Madison St. NW.--5-room for rent furn., gas heat, on Chevy Chase boulevard--6-room house for sale, new, between McLean and Chesterbrook, Va.

MISCELLANEOUS: Lot in Virginia Highlands for sale.

WANTED: Two adults wish room with breakfast and dinner in home in Mt. Pleasant or north of Park road. Have dog.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION regarding these listings and many others on file, see Miss H. Albright, room 1897 South bldg., Br. 579.

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LOST

Small Gruen wrist watch lost September 19. Has laurel wreath engraved on case with 25 small diamonds inserted in leaves. Liberal reward offered for return. Call Agricultural Extension 4491, or Cleveland 7218.

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PHOTOGRAPHY SCHOOL TO OPEN

A one-semester class in Basic Photography will be an added feature of the Graduate school and will open Monday, November 4, it was announced this week by Dr. A. F. Woods, director of the school.

The course will be basic and elementary in character and will be designed to meet the needs of the amateur.

There are no special prerequisites. The fee for the course is \$12 and the textbook to be used will cost but 50¢.

If there is a sufficient demand from qualified professional and advanced scientific workers for seminar courses, the school will endeavor to arrange for such courses during the second semester.

Two periods a week will be devoted to the subject, and the course will be held in room 4407 South building starting at 4:50 p.m. Additional information may be secured by communicating with Dr. Woods, room 4090.

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DANCE MEET A SUCCESS

The initial meeting of the Dance group at the Roosevelt high armory turned out to be a grand success. A crowd of over 125 was given expert instruction in tap and ballroom dancing by Director John Mansuy. The classes will now be divided into beginners and advanced students, and will continue to meet Thursday evenings at the armory. Schedule of instruction: 7 to 8, tap; 8 to 9 ballroom. Officials of the Community Center urge all dancers to enter the armory by the rear door, and to park their cars in the adjacent lot.

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RESETTLEMENT MAN HONORED

Coral W. Calhoun (Resettlement-Legal) was one of a number of attorneys admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States Monday, October 7, the first admission day in the new Supreme Court Building.

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WANTED: Good homes for three Persian kittens, two months old. Apply Room 3863 South building.

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MINEROLOGISTS CLUB NEXT

A number of requests have come in to the bureau of activities information for the formation of a club for mineralogists. The views of all hobbyists along this line are cordially invited to send in their names and ideas for such an organization. Address in writing Joseph D. Cooper, B.B.S.

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NEW SPORTS SCHEDULE

The following schedule is a correction of one recently printed in the Exchange and is due to a change by the Community Center.

ROOSEVELT ARMORY: MONDAY NIGHTS

Fencing 7 to 9 p.m.
Wrestling 7 to 9 p.m.
Boxing 7 to 9 p.m.
Archery 9 to 11 p.m.

ROOSEVELT ARMORY: WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Fencing 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Girls Exercise 8:40 to 9:45 p.m.
Mens Exercise 10 to 11 p.m.
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GET IN THE SWIM

Special rates have been obtained at one of the leading pools in the city and plans are under discussion with another in order that all interested in swimming may take advantage of this healthful exercise during the winter months. As soon as these plans are completed a meeting will be called by the committee.

This activity are for all members of the A.R.A., on all shifts. So send in your name to "Yank" Robbins, S.E. Mezz., old Post Office building, and get in the swim.
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LEARN CONTRACT BRIDGE

An instruction class of the A.R.A. Bridge club will hold its first meeting Tuesday, October 15, at the Berkshire Inn, 1603 K Street, at 8:15 p.m. All those desiring instruction in bidding or in play are invited and urged to attend, according to E. H. Holmes, president.
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WANT TO EXERCISE?

Do not hesitate to come out to any of the basketball or exercise classes because you might feel you are the only one there from your bureau. You will meet many of your fellow clerks.

Entertainment and health are offered you at a very small cost by the A.R.A. You can purchase tickets at the classes. Instructions to beginners at all classes.
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MEMBERSHIP IN THE A.R.A.

Membership in the department's Athletic and Recreational association (ARA) entitles you to participate in all these employee activities. The cost is but 25¢ for the membership. Might be a good idea to join and enjoy yourself.
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BIG DANCE TO HONOR AGGIE
SOFTBALL TEAM ON OCT. 19

Don't forget the big dance at the Lee House hotel Saturday night, October 19, for the benefit of the department softball team. A ten-piece orchestra has been engaged and a pleasant evening's enjoyment is promised. Tickets can be obtained from the players.
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MEMBERSHIP IN A.R.A. INCREASES

Miss Elsie E. Romero, treasurer of the A.R.A., reports that there is a decided increase in the number of new members.

Applications and two-bit pieces were received from 146 in September. During the first ten days of October 50 joined.

So many and so varied are the activities of the association that each employee of the department will find some one or more to his or her liking. Both men and women are joining, Miss Romero said.
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INTRABUREAU SOFTBALL

In the final series for the intrabureau softball championship the games stand with the battles between the Nite and Early Day league teams. In the last games between these two, the Nite team won 5 to 2 and in the second the Early Day league won 5 to 2. The final game will be played this week.

The calibre of ball played in this series is of a very high type and speaks well for the development of the game in the department by the A.R.A.

Twenty-eight teams started the season and the schedule was worked out as planned. Nearly four hundred softball players participated and the A.R.A. should feel proud of this accomplishment.
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AN AGGIE GYM ? ? ?

Those in charge of planning the winter schedule realize how badly the department needs facilities of its own. The Community Center people have been most generous to us, but their accommodations are limited. A gym of our own should be one of the main objectives of the A.R.A.
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JOIN

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25¢

A.R.A.

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N.F.F.E. #2 TO MEET

Agricultural employees are invited to attend the monthly meeting of the Agricultural Branch N.F.F.E. No.2, Wednesday, Oct.23, 710-14th St.N.W., 8 p.m. The even- meeting planned to have been held in the auditorium had to be cancelled due to motion picture equipment not having been installed

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VITAL

Will the person or persons who witnessed auto accident Wednesday, Oct.2, at the intersection of 12th St. and North Agricultural Drive, please call District 6350, Ext. 2664.

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HIKERS

The Saturday afternoon hike (Oct.19) will start from Du Pont Circle at 3 p.m. Bring your lunch. Hot coffee will be furnished for 10¢ a person. Everyone is welcome.

Any U.S.D.A. hikers not affiliated with organized trail clubs, who would like to put in a day's hard work for a good cause cutting branches, bush and briars on trails in the Blue Ridge, please notify N.E.Stevens, room 5606, by mail. Do you prefer Saturday or Sunday? Have you a car?

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Deadline Lifted On

Aggie Homes Project

Since there still remain a very few desirable home sites available to those who may wish to take part in the homes project, it has been decided to extend the time limit on the selection of lots for a few more days. It is therefore not too late to select a site in the inviting Jefferson Heights district. See a member of the committee immediately, Roger Matteson, room 2622 South, Br. 4241; or H.E. Bradburn, room 207, O.P.O.

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JOIN THE A.R.A. - 25¢

CURRENT ECONOMIC QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED IN LECTURES

Ten lectures on current economic problems will be offered in the department auditorium, the first of the series to be given at 2 p.m. Saturday, according to the Graduate School, U.S.D.A. Our own Secretary, Wallace, will deliver the first lecture. It is hoped that many employees other than those interested directly in economics will attend these lectures. Subjects are interesting and will be given by experts in their various fields. Discussion will follow each lecture. The fee for the course is \$5.00. Information may be obtained from leaflets distributed last week or from the Graduate School, room 4020 South Bldg., in person or by mail.

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FUEL CLUB UNDER WAY

From experiences in other cities it is estimated that a saving of 20 percent can be effected on retail purchases on all types of coal and fuel oil. The more we buy the cheaper we can get it. All interested please communicate with Joseph D.Cooper, B.B.S., by MAIL, activities information department, and he will put you in touch with the proper person to see.

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BANG !

If you wish to become an expert rifle shot, you are cordially invited to attend the next meeting of the department's future marksmen. Room 6732 South building is the place. Friday, Oct.18, 4:45 p.m. is the time. Norman Chernow will act as chairman.

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NEWS PLEASE

We are forever on the outlook for departmental news and will appreciate any one sending in an item or two. Mail it before Wednesday night to Room 6756, and sign your name to it. Thanks.

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WILLIS R. GREGG
By C.E.Henley

THIS IS CERTAINLY GOING TO BE
S O M E P A R T Y

"Science is nothing but trained common sense".

This is the motto of Willis R. Gregg, chief of the Weather Bureau, and every member of his vast organization.

Mr. Gregg has a job that requires hard work, much executive ability, a bit of international diplomacy and the train-common sense that makes a scientist.

He was born in New York state January 4, 1880. He graduated in 1903 from Cornell, and in the following year began his work with the Weather Bureau. After eleven years service in the field he was called to Washington.

The development of aeronautical meteorology has been one of his chief responsibilities. He was special meteorological adviser for the trans-Atlantic flight of the NC seaplanes in May 1919, and for the British dirigible R34 at Mineola, July 1919.

Mr. Gregg was in charge of the Aerological division of the Weather Bureau from 1917 until he became chief of the entire service in January 1934. His official hobby is in developing effective cooperation with those agencies and with foreign countries which make the service of the Bureau possible. He has been more than successful in his efforts toward cooperation of the weather service between the nations of the world.

Outside working hours Mr. Gregg is interested in gardening, especially back
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The Welfare Association, unable any longer to withstand the storm of requests for a repetition of the last "indoor lawn party", takes pleasure in announcing a grand HALLOWE'EN PARTY for the night of November 2 to be held in the Administration building patio.

Bingo will again be a feature with coffee, butter, eggs and other gastronomical substantives as the prizes. This time, however, accommodations will be made for double the number of players, with double the number of prizes. Mrs. Edwina A. Avery is in charge, assisted by Mrs. Viola S. Snyder, George Banks and others.

Dancing will again be featured, with music by the "Rounders". A.C. Edwards will be in charge.

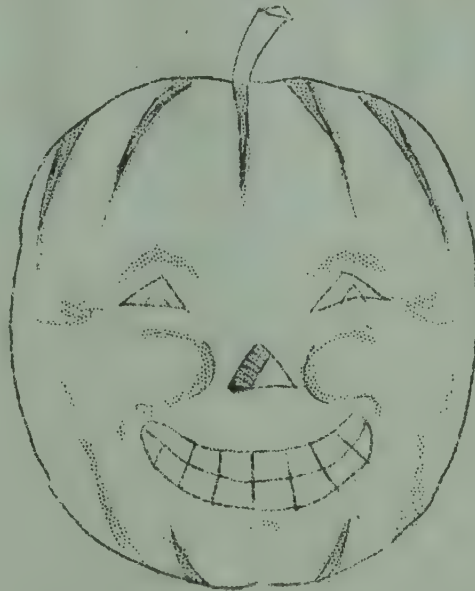
For those who do not dance there will be card tables where social games may be played with a number of prizes.

There will probably be a repetition of the popular fortune telling booths. Miss Gertrude Rest will be in charge of the refreshments, which will include cider. Among other things there will be a group of chorus songs given.

Proceeds will go to the U.S.D.A. Post #36, American Legion, actively represented in this affair by Philip Blake, adj.

Tickets are but 25¢, and may be secured from any of the following:

Carol Piper (AAA), Miss Supiot (AAA), G.W. Morrison (BAE), Mary Slayton (BAE),
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FESTIVAL HOST!

THE AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE

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C. E. Cutter, Jr., Acting Editor
Permanent quarters for The Agriculture Exchange have been assigned and all mail should be addressed:

Editor, The Agriculture Exchange,
c/o Division of Operations,
Room 104, Administration Bldg.

HOUSING PROBLEMS

APARTMENTS: 3-room, k, b, furn. from Nov. 1 to Apr. 1 for adults---3-room, b, in home for adults, by Nov. 1., garage, unfurn. ---4-room, b, furn. for adults---light house keeping rooms, furn. on F St. NE---2-room, k, b, furn., in home---2-room, k, b, unfurn. in home on 8 St. NE.

APARTMENTS TO SHARE: 2-room, k, b, for girl on F St. NW---1-room, k, downtown for Jewish girl---1-room, k, b, furn. for girl on Pa. Ave. NW.

WANTED: Two girls to share apartment with two others, on M St. NW---5 or 6-room furn. house or apt. for family of four, reasonable.

ROOMS FOR MEN OR WOMEN OR COUPLES: Single or double on Parkwood place---Single in pat. on Elm Ave., Takoma Park---two rooms, connecting or single on First St. NW---Single or double in apt. on Spring road, NW---large room for one or two on Wyoming Av. NW---Single on 18 St. NW---double with large closet on 33 St. NW.

ROOMS FOR MEN ONLY: Room to share on Adams Mill road NW, meals also---large room suitable for three boys, single beds, on Fairmont St. NW---room to share in home---single room for young man on Taylor St. NW.

ROOMS FOR WOMEN ONLY: Room to share, breakfasts obtainable, on Kenyon St. NW---single with home privileges and board on 13 St. NE.

FOR FURTHER LISTINGS and more information about those above, See Miss Albright, Room 1897, South building.

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PHILATELISTS

Stamp collectors of the department will hold their next meeting in room 544 administration, Monday, Oct. 21 at 4:40 p.m., and the one following on Nov. 5.

A stamp-trading Bourse will be held and a talk will be given by M.O. Cooper.

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Willis R. Gregg

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yard gardens, and he follows classical music and photography as indoor pastimes.

Mr. Gregg is a contributor to many governmental and technical journals; and is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Royal Meteorological Society, the National Aeronautic Society, the Cosmos Club and many other social and scientific groups.

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Hallowe'en Party

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Edith G. Pipes (BAI), Margaret Leonard (BS), Edith C. Whitney (C&S), Margaret E. Graff (BFI), Chas. S. Menagh (E&PQ), Daisy K. Murphy (Ex. Sta), Christopher Tenley (Ext. S), Mary D. Moore (F&D), Mabel G. Hunt (Info), Harry Irion (FS), Viola S. Snyder (Nat. Mus), Ruby M. Wilson (Lib), G.D. Potterton (BPI), John G. Strebel (WB), Gertrude West (Sec.), Margaret D. Green (Pl. Qu) Carrie M. Davis (F&D) and Edwina V. Avery (Plant Ind.).

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SECRETARY WALLACE SPEAKS

AT AM. LEGION INSTALLATION

Secretary Wallace was a guest and principal speaker at a meeting of the newly organized U.S.D.A. Post 36, American Legion held on the night of Oct. 11.

The Secretary said that no matter what political party was in power, the personnel of the department was seldom changed. He also stated that every worker in the department was as necessary as the other. He was introduced by Dr. A.G. Black, chief of BAE.

J.I. Koehl of the Tel. and Tel., was installed as commander for the ensuing year. Will Lacey, world renowned unicyclist, performed for the members and guests.

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ACTIVITIES INFORMATION SERVICE

A number of requests have been made regarding savings on winter fuel. Mail your inquiries to this Service. This will cover both coal and oil and the saving effected by employee mass buying will probably reach twenty percent.

Discounts for indoor swimming this winter have been arranged by the A.R.A.

The fall and winter social season is here. New and interesting groups are being formed. Take the advantage of low rates. Join the A.R.A. J.D. Cooper BES

EARLY DAY LEAGUE WINS

In the final game of the playoff series for the Intr-Bureau softball championship last week the Early Day League won over the winners of the Nite League, 6 to 1. This was the final game in one of the most successful seasons of any organization in the city. More teams and more players competed in this series than in any other association in the District. The league was sponsored by the A.R.A.

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BOWLING

Just as softball swept the department last summer, bowling is sweeping through it this fall. Many leagues and teams have been formed and there are still a number of openings. Join a team. This is another A.R.A. activity.

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AGGIE GYM?

Last week we published a story hinting at the need for a department gymnasium and taking note of this, members of the A.R.A. at their next meeting, discussed the matter. Following serious consideration it was found to be too late this year to do anything. Possibly next year? Let's all get behind the idea.

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BASKETBALL

With the material turning out for the department's basketball teams, both men's and women's, it now seems as though we will have better teams this fall than last. Our first year, last season, the teams made sensational records and were given much notice by local sports scribes.

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CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS

The D.C. A.A.U. cross country championship, individual and team, will be held Thanksgiving morning over the Rock Creek course of about six miles. Sanders, Quinn and Coven form the nucleus of the aggie team, but we must have more candidates. Practice is held every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock over the course. Any one interested is invited to get in touch with Pryor, Room 0722 South building, Br. 2520, or "Yank" Robbins, SE Mexz., Old PO, Br. 2818.

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GYM CLASSES

Gym classes have started with a bang. Monday night at Langley Gym 20 girls turned out for basketball, and they, with an increased number will play again Friday night at Hine Gym.

The boys are also turning out in fine numbers for basketball. Six teams have already filed application for franchises in the Aggie inter-bureau league. Candidates for the departmental team will report every Thursday at 8:30 p.m. at the Roosevelt Gym.

Fencers, boxers, wrestlers and archers are working out in the Roosevelt armory. There is still room for more in all these, attendance to which an A.R.A. entitles one.

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EXPECT GALA A.R.A. NITE

Although the date has not been definitely set, the A.R.A. proposes some time this winter to put on an all-department A.R.A. athletic nite. A parade of all the activities sponsored by the A.R.A. will be held, with the following groups showing their wares: girls basketball, mens basketball, boxing, wrestling, track team, fencers, archers, exercise class, dancers and singers. What a show that promises to be! Nothing like it has ever been attempted by a government department. It is something to look forward to.

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SCHEDULES

Mens Basketball - Mon., Tues., Thurs.
at Roosevelt
Girls Basketball - Monday at Langley,
Friday at Hine
Exercise Class - Wed. at Roosevelt

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Ralph "Shag" Shaughnessy, Cotton Division, AAA, resigned from Catholic U, where he was a fullback on the varsity, in order to hold his position with the department.

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HIKERS ATTENTION

Hikers of the department will meet Sunday, Oct. 27, at 2 p.m. at the D.C. end of Chain Bridge. Hike distance about 5 miles, weather permitting. Bring lunch.

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DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Dr. F. C. Blanch, Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, and Gerald W. Warthen were winners of last weeks Agric Duplicate Bridge Club cup. The next Duplicate game will be held at 2400 16 St. NW, Oct. 23. Members and invited guests are invited. (members of the department) The club will hold an open game Oct. 30 at the same place. Thelma F. Lee is secretary of the club.

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COMPTROLLER'S TEAM LEADS

The comptroller's team still holds the lead in the Agriculture ladies bowling league. Economics are holding high team game and high team set. Miss Eno of Harvesters holds all the individual honors out by Dr. W. W. Stockberger, the date of High honors for the week: team set, Economics (1300); team game, Harvesters (452); individual game, Miss Shea, Corn and Hogs, (116). Mayne Fleharty is secretary of the league.

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WINTER SWIMMING

All those interested in special rates for swimming for the winter are asked to obtain a blank containing full information from either Mrs. Elsie Romero, room 3531 South building; or "Yank" Robbins, SE Mezz, Old P.O.

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NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Employees of the department may obtain a ten percent reduction in the price of seats at the performances of the National Symphony Orchestra, now in its fifth season here, by means of group purchase of the tickets.

Full information as to the world famous stars appearing in these series, the dates, prices, etc., may be obtained from Marcella Abrams, room 3013 south building, Br. 721.

The Sunday series of 12 concerts has already started and the Thursday concerts will commence Nov. 7.

Employees interested in a series of explanatory lectures in advance of each concert are invited to join a group meeting in room 400, Farm Credit Administration, 1300 E St. NW, Fri., Oct. 25, 4:45 p.m.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE INSTRUCTION

The A. R. A. Bridge Club announces the engagement of William Cheeks for a series of six lectures in contract bridge for beginners. These will be held every Tuesday at 8:15 p.m. at 1603 K St., starting Oct. 22, and the price will be \$2 for the series. The club feels very fortunate in securing Mr. Cheeks, who has an outstanding reputation in both private and group instruction.

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MORE HOME BUILDERS WANTED AT ONCE

Additional adjacent home sites will soon be available in the Agricultural Homes Project near Alexandria, it was announced this week. In a memorandum sent out by Dr. W. W. Stockberger, the date of Oct. 16 has been extended for the selection of a home site another month.

Interested employees may select sites now and arrange with the builder for further construction, always dependent, of course, upon the then current price of labor and materials. Information is available from Miss Albright, room 1897 south, or from Roger Matteson, room 2622 south, after 4:30 p.m.

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WELFARE

STORE

SPECIALS

High Quality Box Candy - Low in Price

SPICED WAFERS - 2 lb. pkg. 39¢

Nice Quality Pears - \$1 per bushel

CLOVER HONEY - in lb. combs 20¢

Tomato Juice No. 10 cans 45¢

MAPLE SYRUP - 100% pure - \$2.45 gal.

Fresh meats from Beltsville at popular prices, Wednesday or Thurs.

LARD - 100% pure - 2 lb. bucket 35¢

IT WILL PAY YOU TO BUY AT YOUR

WELFARE STORE

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REMEMBER THE WELFARE ASSOCIATION PARTY

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REMEMBER THE WELFARE ASSOCIATION PARTY

THE PARTY

As the returns on the sale of tickets come in, the committee in charge of the big Welfare party to be held on the night of November 2, feel that the event will be successful beyond all anticipation. The association urges employees to purchase their tickets immediately to insure admittance. The admission is 25¢.

Prizes for social card players will be awarded, probably groceries and cigarettes. Two Bingo tables will be operated as promised. Dancing for both young and old will be featured.

- 25¢ -

Miss Mabel Hunt will be assisted by Mrs. Philip Blake at cards. Refreshments will be taken care of by Miss Gertrude Rest. Mrs. Edwina Avery, Mrs. Viola S. Snyder and George Banks are in charge of the Bingo games. Arch Edwards is dance master.

Entertainment is being furnished by Mrs. Blake. Mrs. Margaret B. Leonard, chairman, is being assisted by many in the sale of the tickets. Probably someone in your bureau, your very room, has them on hand.

- 25¢ -

The party is being given for the benefit of the U.S.D.A. Post #36, American Legion. You will enjoy it.

- 25¢ -

DO YOU GET YOUR MAIL?

It is noted that employees frequently misdirect, misaddress, mail or chain envelopes when writing to activity leaders or when giving their own return address.

It is important that the name of the bureau is noted on the address, this because of the reason that many bureaus have moved, etc., etc. and so on.

So-o-o-o-o-o, be more careful in this matter and so expedite your mail.

- 25¢ -

ECONOMICS

Full of interesting and timely discussion on all aspects of present day economics the Graduate School lectures on CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, a series held each Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Auditorium, show promise of being lively, full of substance and interesting to all those wish to keep up with the latest in this field.

The course, offering for the most part authorities from other cities and institutions, promises a real cross sect of present, practical economic thought, and deals mainly with the problems facing our country.

It is still not too late to register for this course - most of it lies ahead. fee is only \$4.50, amounting to about 50 a lecture. One-half of the course can be taken for a fee of only \$2.50.

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ALGEBRA

A course in Algebra designed to meet the needs of beginners and those who desire a review, has been added to the Graduate School. It will begin with the elementary manipulations of algebraic expressions will lead into factoring and the solution of equations.

This will be taught by H.J. Winslow, room 1039 South bldg., Mondays and Friday 5 to 6 p.m., starting Nov. 4.

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There are ten more Sunday concerts to be given by the National Symphony, the first two of the season being crowded to capacity.

Employees of the department wishing tickets may obtain a ten percent reduction in price by means of group purchase of tickets. See Marcella Abrams, room 3013, South building., Br. 721.

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AMERICAN LEGION

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 C.E. Cutter, Jr. Acting Editor
 Address - c/o Division of Operations,
 Room 104, Administration Building.

HOUSING PROBLEMS

APARTMENTS: 1-room, k, unfurn, 14th and Park Rd.

HOUSES: 6-room furn. bungalow in Mt. Ida, Va., near Alexandria.

ROOMS FOR GIRLS: Two rooms in apt. The Beacon, 18th and Calvert---Furnished double room with board, 17th and Mass.--Room to share, bed-living, in downtown apt. at 17th and K.

ROOMS FOR MEN AND WOMEN: Room and board on Walbridge St.---large room for three, use of living room and board if desired.

WANTED: Fourth girl to share large 2-bedroom apt. Gentile only--1, 2 and 3-room apt., furn., close in. If you know of any let us know.

Miss H. Albright, Room 1897

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WONDERFUL WEEK END TRIPS NOW

If you are looking for a real time over the week-end, this is the proper time of year to see this country in all its glory.

Be your destination the sea shore, mountains or the bay, Miss Albright can direct you. She has an approved list of just the right places in which to spend that week-end.

These are just the correct days for the stimulating ride and picnic lunch. Let her advise you. Room 1897.

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RESOLUTION PASSED

A resolution asking those responsible for the housing project to specify union labor in the set-up was recently passed by AAA lodge No. 170, American Federation of Government Employees.

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BRIDGE

The Duplicate group of the A.R.A. Bridge club will hold its second game of the season Sat., Nov. 2, at Berkshire Inn. Come and bring your partner. J.L. Wilson, BAE, is in charge of this group.

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With its quota assigned for 1936 the U.S.D.A. Post #36 American Legion, with U.L. Koehl as commander, is aiming at at least double the quota assigned, it was brought out in a recent meeting of this new post.

There are approximately 1,500 eligible men in the department, it was found in a recent survey, over a third of this number being in AAA.

November 15 is the date given for the post to meet its quota, with the commander and all present members working hard to attain their goal.

Plans were made at the last meeting for the post to participate in ceremonies Armistic day, Nov. 11. The next meeting of the post will be held Friday night, 8 o'clock, Nov. 1, the place to be decided upon later and posted for all to see.

If you are eligible, you are invited to attend.

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CHESS

Chess players interested in team tournaments are asked to get in touch with D.S. Burch, B of AI, Room 132 Administration building.

Last year with a team of five members the department finished in first place in a tourney sponsored by the Chess League of the D.C.

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A. Bitonti, C. Gropper, E.H. Holmes and B. Lockwood were winners in a recent game of the duplicate bridge club. Runners-up were Miss Eckinger and Mr. Richards.

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WELFARE STORE

WATCH FOR OUR FRESH MEATS

Lard - 2 lb. buckets - 35¢

Michigan Honey - 5 lb. cans - 75¢

1 lb. Va. clover Honey in Combs - 20¢

Fresh California Dates - 14½ oz. - 30¢

Pure Maple Syrup - 1 gal. - \$2.45

Good Values In 1-lb. Package Candies
 29¢ - 60¢ - 80¢ and \$1.00

S P O R T S

BOXING

According to Mr. Hibbard, manager of the boxing team, that group will have a work-out every Tuesday and Friday at 4:45 p.m., in room 0039, basement of the South building. For additional information see Mr. Hibbard, Room 4604.

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IT'S THE A.R.A

All those who are enjoying the winter sports program are members of the A.R.A. - that little two-bit membership card is their "open sesame" to these enjoyable classes.

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WRESTLING

The Wrestling group under Capt. Charles Labb is working out Tuesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the Roosevelt high gym. All candidates for the team are requested to report at the gym this week.

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ARE YOU DANCING?

That Thursday night dance group under Mr. Mansuy is growing. An exceptionally large crowd was out last week. After instruction in tap and ballroom dancing a dance is held. It's fun.

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GIRLS' EXERCISE

The girls' exercise class had its first session last Wednesday night in the Roosevelt armory. Everyone agreed the period was beneficial, healthful and enjoyable. There is yet time to join this popular class. All interested report to the instructor Wednesday at 8 p.m.

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FENCING (not wire)

Fencing under the efficient instruction of Mr. Naiman is one of our fastest growing classes. The turnout last week was very encouraging. For exercise, gracefulness and pleasure this sport is one of the best.

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FOR THE NITE FORCE

Plans are being made for the formation of an early day league, basketball, for teams representing the several sections of the nite and mid-nite force. A meeting of those interested will be held for the nite force Oct. 29, 3:30 p.m., cotton option office, O.P.O., and for the mid-nite bunch at the same place, Wed., 7:30 a.m.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Candidates for the men's departmental basketball team are working out at the Roosevelt gym Thursday nights, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. The team has been invited to join the Henrich cup league. Those interested in trying out for the team are asked to report to Coach Jimmy Hitchens.

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LADIES' BOWLING

In the ladies federal bowling league Aggie #2 team, captained by Mayme Fleharty, is tied for first place, having won 12 out of 15 games. Right behind them is Aggie #1 team holding third place with one game less., Mae Perry, captain.

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A 145 LB. MEN'S TEAM

The department will again enter a 145-pound men's team in the Community Center league. Those interested report to Manager Joe Bertolini.

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MEN'S BOWLING

The Scouts #1 and C-3 teams of the AAA bowling league are standing neck and neck at the lead with each 10 games won and five lost, but with Scouts #1 having 27 more pins to their credit.

GIRL'S BASKETBALL

All girls wanting to play basketball this season are asked to meet Tuesdays at the Langley gym, 3d and T Sts. NE, 7 to 10 p.m., and Fridays at Hene gym, 7th and C Sts., 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

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THE CAT STALKS ON HALLOWE'EN FESTIVALS!

COME OUT AND DANCE TOO

DANCING

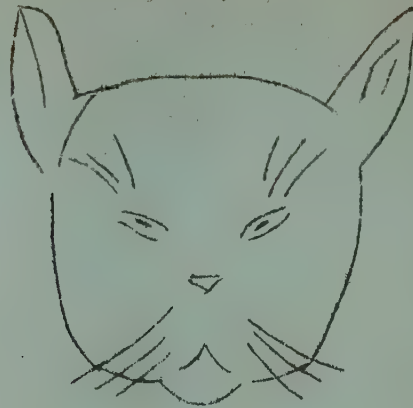
SINGING

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REFRESHMENTS



PRIZES AND A JOLLY GOOD TIME

25¢

THE HOSPITAL GUILD of the National Federation of Federal Employees will be open to members of 6 months standing on January 1. The dues are \$5 a year, or the same as the member ship dues. The policy provides for a bed in a 2-bed room at Providence Hospital or at the contract price, which is about \$3.25 a day, in any hospital in the WORLD--not just in D. C. FOUR weeks of hospitalization is provided. No commissions or salaries are paid by the Guild for solicitation, collection, or for services of officers. The NFFE Hospital Guild is the pioneer in this form of cooperation in the District and in spite of the small dues has added to the surplus year by year. Contact your receiver of dues or Mrs. Marie Heisley, Forest Service, room 0010 South Bldg. for further information.

A DEPARTMENT BALL IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED for Saturday night, December 7 by the Athletic and Recreational Association of the USDA. It has been years since the Department has had such an all embracing affair and it is believed by many persons that an annual formal ball is the finishing touch needed to round out the very successful employee activities of the Department.

OUTLOOK WEEK, which will bring hundreds of out-of-town state and federal employees to D. C., will make full use of the auditorium from October 28 to Saturday November 2. Two dinners will be held during the week. The annual Get-Together dinner was held Tuesday night at the La Patee Cafe, 14th and H. The annual YELLOW DOG banquet will be held Friday night. Both dinners are a dollar each. Bill Youngman handled the dinner and Arch Edwards is taking care of the banquet.

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The 1936 COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE will get under way in the Department of Agriculture on November 8. At 2 PM on that date, all of the key people in Agriculture will assemble in the auditorium to hear talks by Chest and Department officials and to see the first public presentation of the original playlet which is being offered in this connection by the Musical and Dramatic Guild of the Department. The playlet will be given on Nov. 11 and 12 at the same place so all employees of the Department may have an opportunity to see it.

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The Fuel Club is an overwhelming success states Joe Cooper, Biol. Sur. who is swamped with orders. If you are interested in buying fuel write Mr. Cooper.

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THE ASSOCIATION AND ITS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Athletic and Recreational Association fired the first shot in its campaign for new members for the year beginning February 1, 1936, when all present memberships expire.

As a result of a new policy decided upon at a meeting of the executive council last Tuesday all new members joining now and paying their dues will receive a 1936 card good until February 1, 1937.

This means that for 25¢ you can be a member of this most important employee organization for a year and three months for only two-bits.

An intensive membership campaign will be waged. Cards may be obtained through any activity leader or representative in the various bureaus or offices. It is the duty of every employee to support this organization. Its officers serve without enumeration of any kind, solely in the interest of promoting wholesome athletics and recreational diversion to the end that morale among workers will be of the most desirable kind.

Last summer more than 500 employees of this department played softball on one or more of the leagues. Comparatively few of them played as paid-up members of the A.R.A. The A.R.A. has expended enormous sums of money for the purchase of athletic equipment of all kinds.

Hereafter, participation in activities under the supervision of the A.R.A. will be limited to members only.

The benefits of membership are many. Discounts on sporting goods and reductions on swimming prices have been obtained. Members may go horseback riding at a reduction. Many other money saving opportunities will be offered the members.

Dues are but twenty-five cents, a sum but few employees miss. Join now and get the extra three month membership.

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YELLOW DOG BANQUET HUGE SUCCESS

The annual Yellow Dog banquet held Friday night for the many out-of-town state and federal employees was a huge success, according to those who attended.

Following the dinner everybody retired to the auditorium where the annual initiation took place, about thirty candidates going through the solemn and dignified ritual of the ancient order.

The Yellow Dogs present represented every state in the Union and some were there from Canada.

Clever skits were presented by the Division of Crops and Lifestock Estimates and by the AAA.

Arch Edwards had charge of the banquet. All members of the order are looking forward to next such event which will occur at the end of the 1936 annual Outlook meeting.

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NATIONAL SYMPHONY

With Dr. Hans Kindler again at his regular place at the conductor's stand the National Symphony Orchestra will continue its series of Sunday concerts, which now have been running this season about three weeks.

Employees of the department may still obtain a ten percent discount in the price of tickets by buying them in groups. Information on this subject may be obtained by seeing or phoning Marcella Abrams, Room 3013 South building, Branch 721.

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A two-bit investment in a membership in the Athletic and Recreational Association is a wise investment.

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THE AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE

PARKING PROBLEM SOLVED?

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 C.E. Cutter, Jr. -- Acting Editor
 Address - c/o Division of Operations,
 Room 104, Administration Building.

A proposal comes to our desk whereby employees may secure reduced monthly parking space rates on an all-day lot. Interested car owners should write Mildred Benton, BAE, of Phone Cleveland 5678.

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HOUSING PROBLEMS

APARTMENTS: 2-room, kitchen, bath, on Park Road---2 or 3-room furn. on F St. NE.

HOUSES: 6-room in Clarendon for sale or rent---5-room, unfurn. in Lyon Park for rent---8-room with bachelor apartment on third floor for rent unfurn. in Takoma Park---6-room for sale or rent in Mt. Ida.

ROOMS FOR WOMEN: double room and meals on 15th NE.

ROOMS FOR MEN: double room with twin beds on N. Capitol St.---2 rooms, third floor with private bath, double on Park Road---double room, sleeping porch glass enclosed, for one or four men on Newton Ave., NE, near the Monastery---room with private bath for two people on Upshur NW.

ROOM FOR MEN OR WOMEN: double room with breakfasts, if desired, on Mass. Ave. NE---single on F St., NE---suite of rooms on second floor of home on Lee Blvd., meals if desired, suitable for two ladies or couple.

WANTED: lady to share 2-bedroom apartment renting for \$40 - share expenses---two ladies about age 35 to share apt. with two registered nurses on Biltmore St., NW--- Anyone knowing where we can obtain a COAL COOK STOVE for a family connected with the department, please notify this bureau, as family badly in need of same.

Family of three will share modern Chevy Chase home with well educated Christian young couple in exchange for domestic services. References required.

For further information regarding all housing problems, see, phone or write Miss Albright, Welfare Worker, Room 1897 South building, Br. 597.

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DUPLICATE BRIDGE

The winners of last week's game played by the agricultural Duplicate Bridge club were: C.M. Brewer (Food & Drug) and Mrs. Brewer.

The next game will be held on the night of Nov. 13 at 2400 16 St. NW, according to T.F. Lee, secretary.

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SAILS FOR CARIBBEAN

Miss Anne M. Repetti, Grain Futures Administration, sailed from New York recently on a ship of the United Fruit Line for a Caribbean cruise to visit Panama, Jamaica and Cuba. She expects to return November 11.

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RESIGNS POSITION

Leo J. Schaben this week resigns his position as director of the orchestral division of the Musical and Dramatic guild, which position he has filled with great satisfaction to all connected with the organization.

Press of duties making his time limited is the reason for Mr. Schaben's action.

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EMPLOYEES' MEETINGS

Employees of the department and officials, for that matter, who plan to hold meetings or conferences, should report such to Mrs. Roby W. Stehr, office of the Secretary, information desk, Br. 523.

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ACTIVITIES INFORMATION SERVICE

Those desiring information regarding any of the activities of the department, that is, those under the A.R.A., or any other employee activity are asked to put their desires in writing and mail to Joseph Cooper, Biological Survey.

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PUPS

Five lovely four-month old Spitz puppies are for sale. Phone Sh 2668.

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Remember the COMMUNITY CHEST drive which begins Nov. 8. You have a job. How about those not so fortunate?

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SPORTS - RECREATIONS

BASKETBALL

All candidates for both the men's and girls' departmental teams are requested to report this week to Coach Jimmy Hitchins. The department wishes to put on the floor teams that can cope with the best in the city and hopes that all available material will report.

Men practice at Roosevelt high gym Mondays, 7:30 to 8:30, and Thursdays 8:30 to 9:30.

Girls meet Tuesdays, 8 to 10 at Langley gym, next to Tech high school, and Fridays at Hine gym, 7 and C Sts., SE.

The men's team is entered in the Heurich Cup league, composed of the twelve leading city teams. The league will open a series Nov. 23. Admission to games-15¢.

Arrangements are being made to allow the girls' team to play a number of Sundays at the Heurich gym. Teams from Atlantic City, Baltimore, Charlottesville and Warrenton will be met. More girls are needed for the intra-bureau league.

GIRLS' EXERCISE CLASS

The girls' exercise class Wednesday nights, 8 to 9 oclock, at the Roosevelt gym is growing rapidly. You are welcome to attend.

New interest has been aroused in the men's exercise class through the efforts of Rudy Blick, Audit AAA.

A. R. A. MEMBERSHIP

Do not forget that an A.R.A. membership card is your ticket to many an enjoyable winter sport and recreation.

NOTICE

When you have items for this sheet please, not only get them in by Wednesday night, but sign them, and then give us your branch number. We dislike turning down stories, but cant print those which are anon. Thanks.

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Join the A. R. A. It's your own organization.

FLASH - BASKETBALL

All candidates for the agricultural unlimited team report for practice at Roosevelt high school gym Thursday night, Nov. 7, ready to play at 8:30.

All candidates for the girls' varsity team will report to Jimmy Hitchins at Langley gym Monday at 7 p.m. Langley is next to Tech high at First and T Sts., NE.

MARRIED

"Jimmy" Haggerty, popular supervisor machine section, Disbursing office, AAA, old Post Office, and Miss Margaret Fitzpatrick of the same office, were married recently. A reception was held at the home of the bride at which fellow clerks turned out enmasse. Jimmy is a basketball star in the department.

A NEW GYM ???

Interest in a department gym is spreading, and there may be a possibility the aggies may have one of their own next season, one, possibly close to the departments main buildings, where clerks may at all times have a place of their own for recreation and exercise.

What is your idea about this matter? Do you think it would be a wise step? Let us hear from you individually about this. Write the editor and express your views.

"ON THE SPOT"

The U.S.D.A. Rifle and Pistol club is at last under way following two successful meetings with officers chosen and by-laws approved.

Meetings are held Tuesdays at 4:45 in room 6732. If you are interested in this sport you are invited to attend.

For further information call Secretary Norman B. Chernow, Br. 4200, Room 12, OPO.

FLASH! FLASH!

A late report states that the big Welfare party held Saturday night was a huge success. More, please.

The A. R. A. membership costs but 25¢ a year. Why not join?

ANOTHER NEW YORK TRIP PLANNED

SPECIAL MEETING OF LEGION

Plans are being made for an excursion to New York City over the Thanksgiving holiday, to extend from Wednesday night, Nov. 27 to Saturday night., Nov.30. Expenses of about \$21 per person will include all hotel and food bills and plenty of entertainment.

Reservations will have to be made in advance. The trip is being sponsored by the department Athletic and Recreational Association and further information will not only be given in next issue of the EXCHANGE but can also be obtained from Joseph D.Cooper by writing him care of the Bureau of Biological Survey.

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HIKING

Hikers of the department will take a trip Saturday afternoon, Nov. 9, starting from the District end of Chain bridge at 2:30 oclock. To reach that point get off the cars at Stop #20 (Cabin John car) and follow the road and path down over the river bank.

All hikers are to bring lunches. As November days are short those in charge desire to start promptly at the time specified. The distance of the hike is five miles.

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WELFARE STORE SPECIALS

Special week-end package of

BROWNLEY'S CHOCOLATES

2 pounds 95¢

FRESH PORK

Tuesday or Wednesday

An extra good quality of
CHEDDAR CHEESE

in cans 30¢

Also the regular Cheddar Cheese
in cans 25¢

WELFARE STORE

A special meeting of veterans of the Department of Agriculture will be held by members of the U.S.D.A. Post #36, American Legion at 3:30 p.m. in the lunch room on the eighth floor of the old Post Office, Friday, Nov. 8.

This meeting is to be held for the benefit of the war veterans of the AAA for the purpose of increasing the membership of the post. G.V.Whitton, Comptrollers office, will preside. Officials of the Dept. of D.C. American Legion, will participate. It is hoped all veterans will be present.

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PUBLIC SPEAKING

For the benefit of night employes of the department a Dale Carnegie course in Public Speaking and Influencing Men in Business, conducted by James M.Dugan, will form at Hotel Willard, 10th floor, at 1 p.m., Monday, Nov.4. Classes will be limited to a membership of 40. They will meet once a week for 14 weeks. The fee is reasonable.

Further information regarding this famous course may be had by writing or phoning Arthur O. Pritchard, Jr., 3149 17th St.NW., Columbia 5938.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Department of Agriculture has more than enough veterans to have the largest post of the American Legion in the District. A membership drive is now on, and the U.S.D.A.Post #36 invites all World War veterans to join within the next ten days.

The dues are but \$3 a year; \$1 District dues, \$1 national dues, and the third dollar for the upkeep of the post.

Mail or bring the attached coupon to Commander J.L.Koehl, Room 5405 South, T&T.
Name

Bureau Div.

Room Phone

Home Address Phone

Unit and branch of service in war

ARMISTICE DAY!

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NOTICE TO VETERANS - - -

At the time of going to press it is understood that orders are being prepared in the Secretary's office to the effect that all ex-service men who can be spared from their duties can be excused for the exercises at Arlington cemetery Monday, Nov. 11, the time off not to be taken off their annual leave. They must report for duty at the regular time Monday morning, however.

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COMMUNITY CHEST DRIVE

The eighth annual campaign for funds to carry on the work of the 65 agencies operating for the needy of the District under the Community Chest, will start today, Nov. 11, and continue through the 20th, it was announced.

Leaders of the drive in the Department hope to get 100 percent cooperation in their efforts. There will be those who will take your contribution or pledge in every bureau, in fact, in every room.

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POSSIBLY THE

WELFARE STORE

HAS SOMETHING

YOU NEED

Remember, it's your store.

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CHORUS ANNOUNCES REPERTOIRE

The D of A chorus, directed by Robert Frederick Freund, announces the presentation of programs for the 1935-36 season, including numbers appropriate to the sacred seasons of the year.

The seating capacity of the auditorium is limited, therefore, admission to the concerts will be by card only. Members of the department who desire to attend should make their subscriptions as early as possible in order to be assured of seats. Subscription tickets may be secured by writing the secretary of the chorus, or by calling br. 2914.

The Secretary of Agri. heads a growing list of patrons who are contributing their interest and financial support to this chorus.

Future programs will be found on Page three of this issue.

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THAT NEW YORK EXCURSION !

In addition to the special four-day Thanksgiving excursions to New York, there will be the regular bus excursion with a round-trip fare of \$5 per person. The bus will leave the South building after work Wednesday, Nov. 27, and will leave N.Y. at 9 p.m. the following Sunday night.

The big all-expense excursion, which will cost about \$21 per person, will entitle the trippers to fare, hotel and food bills and give them plenty of high class entertainment.

These trips are sponsored by the A.R.A. and further information on them can be secured from Joseph D. Cooper, by writing him care of Biological Survey.

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Join the A.R.A., it's only 25¢

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LEGION POST MEETS

HOUSING PROBLEMS

HOUSES: All but 1 room of 5-room furn. bungalow on Monroe, NE---5-room cottage, not modern except for elect., on Wheeler Rd.---5-room bungalow in Mt. Rainier, Md. for sale reas. terms---6-room in Mt. Pleasant, sale or rent---6-room for sale, very reasonable terms, in nearby Va.

APARTMENTS: 1-room, k., in house, furn. on F St. NE---2-room, unfurn, k, for adults only in Clarendon, Va.

ROOMS, MEN OR WOMEN: in Del Ray, Va.---with board for 2 on O St. NW---single on Nichols Av. SE---single on Third SE---double in Stoneleigh courts.

ROOMS, MEN ONLY: with board for 2 in Silver Spring---Kenyon, NW---with private family in Alexandria---with private bath on Peabody, NW---for gentile on 21st NW, near university.

ROOMS, WOMEN ONLY: on Calvert, NW---for 2 on Girard, NW---with board for 1 or 2 on R.I. Ave., NW.

WANTED: Room with porch or two exposures in suburbs, Petworth or near Rock Creek park---want girl to share 1-room, k, apt. on 2nd NE.

MISCELLANEOUS: Cabins for parties available by the eve., containing piano, kitchen, fireplace with wood furn., good dance floor---lot in Virginia Highlands for sale.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: See Miss H. Albright, Room 1897.

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THANKS TO YOU

Appreciation and thanks are due those in the department who cooperated in making a pronounced success of the Welfare Hall - we've party for the benefit of the U.S.D.A. Post 36, American Legion.

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How about that two-bit investment in a membership card in the Athletic-Recreational Association? It's well worth the spending.

About 42 members and guests attended the first Nov. meeting of the USDA Post 36, American Legion, Comm. J.L. Koehl presiding. Held in a basement room a committee was appointed to find more suitable quarters.

Plans are being made to get sons of legion men into the district drum and bugle corps, an organization called Sons of the Legion. Instruments and uniforms will be furnished the boys.

Seven members were voted into this young post and a drive is now on with the aim of making this post the largest of the thirty-odd posts in the District.

Auxiliary Formed

An application was filed following a meeting of women Monday night for the formation of an auxiliary to this Legion post. Fourteen women attended this first meeting and it was planned to make this the leading organization of its kind in the department.

All those eligible to join either the Legion or its auxiliary are asked to come in while the organizations are young.

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PLAYLET TO BE PRESENTED TODAY

The Community Chest playlet, by members of the Musical and Dramatic guild, is to be presented at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. on both Monday and Tuesday in the auditorium.

This method of presenting the age-old problem of charity is very popular with the employes who saw it last year. The offering of the guild this year is more ambitious and includes, besides the playlet singing, dancing and instrumental numbers. All employes are urged to see this, taking but half a hour to present.

Performers are: Mrs. Betty Whitfield (BAI), Harry Kabat (SEC) Mrs. Doris Menter (BDI), Mary E. VanHoulan (BAE) and Lorraine Lunlay (NFFE). Singers are: Roy Gray, W. H. Redit and H.A. Magnuson (BAENG), J.B. Sellers, (E&PQ) and M.L. Buckley (Priv)

The stringed orchestra: Louis G. Zanooff (AAA), Geraldine Thompson (BPI), Jack Levenson (Vet), M.R. Deutsh (AAA), Tillie Kravitz (FERA), Fred Fletcher and William R. Bishop (Priv.)

A.C. Edwards and Lucile Way are coauthors, with Miss Way the director.

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DEPARTMENT BASKETBALL

Candidates for the Departmental basketball teams (men's) are asked to report at Roosevelt H.S. gym on Mondays at 7:30 and Thursdays at 8 p.m.

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GIRLS' BASKETBALL ----

Candidates for the girls agri. team and the AAA representative teams are requested to report at Langley gym, 3rd and Tea streets, NE, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and on Fridays at Hine Jr. H.S. gym, 7th and C streets, NW, 7:30 p.m.

Twenty-four girls will be needed to form these two teams, so there is plenty of chance to make one of them. More players also are needed for the intra-bureau league so all are urged to come out.

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GIRLS' EXERCISE CLASS

The girls' exercise class has grown from eight to twenty-six members within three weeks showing the interest and popularity of this activity. The members of this class are its best boosters. If you are at all interested come out this Wednesday to Roosevelt gym at 8 p.m. and join them.

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BOXING

The boxing class under Mr. Hibbard had a fine turnout last Tuesday and Friday in room 0039. Looks as tho the department will be represented by a strong team this season. Get over some afternoon around 4:45 oclock and watch the boys push leather.

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Due to the rapid growth of the A.R.A. winter sports Joseph Bertolini has been made assistant advisor of men's basketball group, and Miss Charlotte Reidel, AAA, assistant of the girls' group, to aid coach Jimmy Hitchens.

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Possibly a bit early, but plans are already being made for a girls softball team for next year.

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THE LADIES BOWL 'EM OVER

In the agri. Ladies Bowling league this week the Extension Service team took all honors. They took first place for high team set, rolling 1414; and high team game, 531. Miss Mayne Fleharty's game of 149, in which was made a triple-headed strike, was high for the season.

They took two games from Comptrollers who are now in the lead by three games, having won 18 and lost 6. Harvesters are close behind with 15 won and 9 lost; with Corn and Higs next with 14 won and 10 lost!

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CONCERT ACTIVITIES OF THE CHORUS
FOR 1935-36 Season

Sacred

November 27, 5 p.m.

Song of ThanksgivingMauder

December 23, 5 p.m.

A Christmas carol. Gagliardi

A Mass Gagliardi

Hallelujah Chorus Handel

April 10, 5 p.m.

The Seven Last Words of Christ . . . DuBoi

Secular

January 28, 8:30 p.m.

A Musical Evening and Reception

March 17, 8:30 p.m.

A Program of Irish songs

May 26, 8:30 p.m.

A Program of secular songs

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Employees in BAE may be surprised to learn of the marriage of one of their number, Miss Lillian P. Hamilton, and L.H. Barnes, local attorney and teacher at Southwestern. The ceremony was performed Sept. 14 at Chambersburg, Pa.

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There is always something in the way of a SPECIAL at the WELFARE STORE.

Do some of your food shopping there and just see if you cant save on your groceries. And remember, it's your store, so patronize it frequently.

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PHILATELISTS TO MEET

A meeting of philatelists (stamp collectors, to you) was held in room 544 Adm. last Tuesday. Round-table discussions of beginners' problems were held.

At the next meeting to be held at the same place at 4:40 p.m., Monday, Nov. 18, a temporary organization will be determined upon and a program committee appointed. A feature of the meeting will be a stamp-trading bourse.

A schedule of meetings follow: Dec. 3 and 16, Jan. 7 and 20, and Feb. 4 and 17

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ANTHROPOLOGICAL LECTURE

Dr. C. G. Abbott, sec. of Smithsonian Institution, invites all interested to attend a lecture by Dr. Aleš Hrdlicka, curator of physical anthropology, U.S. National Museum, Wed., Nov. 13, 8 p.m., in the auditorium of the museum. Dr. Hrdlicka's subject will be "Results of the Most Recent Anthropological Explorations in Alaska." No admission cards required.

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HEALTH COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Medical and Health committee will meet in room 6554, Cafeteria, for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Tues., Nov. 12. The committee with the aid of Twentieth Fund of New York is compiling worthwhile data regarding medical guilds.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Regular meeting of AAA Lodge No. 170, American Federation of Government Employees, in the conference room 2050 South bldg., Monday, Nov. 11, 8 p.m. All members and others interested invited.

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N F F E #2 DANCE

A dance will be held Fri., Nov. 15, (pay day) at the Willard by N.F.F.E. #2, receipts from which will go to the "Merit System Emergency Defense Fund". The

McWilliams' orchestra will furnish the syncopation. Tickets at a dollar may be secured at the door, or from Arch Edwards, room 3341, Br. 2117.

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ENROLLMENTS STILL OPEN

IN U.S.D.A GRADUATE SCHOOL

Students are still being accepted for enrollment in the U.S.D.A. Graduate School.

Additional students are desired for the ALGEBRA course which is held on Tues. and Thurs. in room 1040, H.J. Winslow, instructor. Classes run from 4:40 to 6:40 p.m. It is becoming more fully appreciated that a good mathematical background is necessary for a proper understanding of economics and statistics as well as the physical sciences.

Dr. Hoover to Speak

The next speaker in Current Economic Problems will be Dr. Calvin B. Hoover of Duke who has as his subject "What Are the Advantages and Disadvantages of Alternatives of Capitalism?"

Dr. Hoover will speak at 2 p.m. Sat., Nov. 16 in the auditorium. The second half of the course will start Dec. 7, consisting of six lectures. Registration for these will be \$2.50.

Register for Graduate School course in room 4050 South bldg.

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Young lady would like to share taxi with one or more persons commuting from Baltimore to and from Union station. Call Mrs. Taylor, Br. 2450.

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Lost. A south benad pocket watch, open face model, plain gold case, Oct. 16. Liberal reward. Call DI 7900, Br. 436, of DE 1600, Apt. 201.

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FUEL CLUB MAKING PROGRESS

Announcements concerning the progress of the Fuel Club, its rates for coal and oil, will be made soon in these columns, according to Joseph Cooper, in charge. Mr. Cooper asks that all those desiring information along this line get in touch with him by writing him c/o Biol. Surv.

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A.R.A. PLANS EXCURSION

The Thanksgiving season approaches. It is an excellent time to go home and visit. But the trouble is in the fact that most of us live too far for the journey.

So the A.R.A. is planning an all-expense excursion to New York City, the party to stop at one of this city's finest hotels, where every room has a bath and a radio. Besides meals in the hotel dining room, the party is to dine and dance at the famous Paradise Nite club.

A performance at a legitimate theater, a tour thru NBC radio studios, a guided tour thru Rockefeller Center, including a visit to the observation roof, and a sightseeing trip in a glass covered bus, are but a few of the many features of the trip.

A sum of \$21 covers all expenses. A chartered bus will leave Washington after work Wednesday, Nov. 27, and will leave New York for the return trip Saturday night.

The A.R.A. is also running the usual all-round trip fare of only \$5 per person for those wishing just transportation. This bus will leave N.Y. Sunday night.

Two dollars will hold your reservation the balance to be at start of trip.

Reservations can be made with Miss Adelaide Zipperstein, Br. 2755; Miss Amelia Boberg, Cleveland 0368 after 6:30 p.m.; or by writing Joe D. Cooper, committee chairman, Biological Survey.

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"DING" DARLING RESIGNS

J.M. (Ding) Darling, chief of Biological Survey, a cartoonist of note, and one of the most colorful personalities ever employed in the Department, resigned his position, effective Nov. 15.

In private life Mr. Darling will continue his cartooning for publication and will still be active in his hobby, the conservation of wild life.

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CHEST RESPONSE GOOD

From late reports employees of the Department are supporting the activities of the District Community Chest in such a fashion that the quota is expected to be reached.

If you have not been approached by one of the many workers in the Department, just let out a holler and you will be contacted.

Do not give until it hurts, but give until you feel good.

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DEPARTMENT LEGION OVER THE TOP

With a quota of 103 members at which to shoot by Nov. 15, the young USDA Post No. 36, American Legion, went over the top with a bang Friday night with a total of 134 - 1936 memberships paid in full.

There were 84 present at the gathering in Room 2050 on that night, each member pledged to continue the drive for more members.

Present were Department Commander Joe Malloy and Jack O'Conner, chairman of the District membership committee. J.L. Koehl, commander, presided. The next meeting will be held in the same room at 8 p.m. Fri., Dec. 6.

A wreath, made by the B.P.I., was placed by officers and members of the post in front of the memorial in the patio Armistice Day morning.

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NATIONAL SYMPHONY

There are eight more Sunday concerts and seven more Thursday concerts of the National Symphony Orchestra in store for music lovers this season. Many employees of the Department are taking advantage of a reduction of ten percent in the cost of tickets for this series.

Information on this may be obtained from Marcella Abrams, Room 3013 South building, Br. 721.

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Join the A.R.A. - 25¢ for 1936.

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INVITE TO CAMERA FANS

Members of the USDA Camera Club and others of the Department interested in photography have been invited to be the guests of the Washington Photographic Society at a meeting to be held in the auditorium of the new National Museum at 8 p.m. Wed., Nov. 20.

HOUSING PROBLEMS

ROOMS, MEN OR WOMEN: Double in Hyattsville, breakfast opt.---single or double on G St.SW---bedroom and living room and bath on 33d place,NW---room with or without breakfast in Takoma Park---room with board and auto trans.optional, on 7th NW.

ROOMS: MEN PREFERRED: Single or double in apt.on Lanier Pl.NW---room with private bath, 2 closets in Clarendon.

ROOMS: WOMEN PREFERRED: In apt. with woman and daughter with board opt. on H St.NW---double on Kilbourne NW.

APARTMENTS: 1-room,k,b,apt.to sublet furn. at Tudor Hall on Mass.Ave.

WANTED: Apt. and lady to share it with lady who has furniture--- 2 or 3 girls to share apt.on 16th NW---young lady to share 1-room apt.near 19th and Eye NW.

FAMILY OF THREE WILL SHARE modern Chevy Chase home with well educated young Christian couple in lieu of wife's services. References required. Reply by writing

MISS ALBRIGHT, Room 1897 South.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

At the next regular meeting of AAA Lodge No. 170, A.F.G.E., to be held in Room 2050 South Bldg., 8 p.m., Mon., Nov. 25, David Saposs will discuss "The Structure and Function of the AF of L."

Mr. Saposs is a well known student of labor both in this country and abroad and is the author of a number of important works on the subject. He is engaged on a special assignment for the Department of Labor at this time.

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B. D. I. PARTY

Forgetting work for an evening employees of B.D.I. will gather in the patio of the Administration building where a party will be held Friday, Nov.22, at 8 p.m. Dancing will be in order and refreshments and plenty of entertainment is on the program. The cost is 75¢ per person.

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The speaker of the evening will be Franklin R.Jordan, FRBS, pres. of Boston Camera Club, pres. of Boston Pictorialist and one of the outstanding pictorialists in America. He will talk with especial reference to enlarging and enlarging problems in connection with pictorial photography.

Mr. Jordan has had several hundred of his pictures hung in salons here and abroad, and this event will be one that is unusual for photographers, either professional or amateur.

There will be no admission charge.

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RIFLE CLUB HOLDS PRACTICE

U.S.D.A.Rifle & Pistol Club is branching out to give the nite force in the OPO and elsewhere the chance of securing membership. A meeting was held Sat.afternoon and the prospects of a unit of the club in the OPO discussed.

Practice is held Thursday evenings from 7:30 oclock on, and meetings are at 4:45 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 6732 South. Shooting is done on the National Guard Armory range.

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MOTOR TRAVEL BUREAU

Demands upon the Motor Travel bureau slumped noticeably after Congress adjourned. With the approach of cold weather with crowded trolleys and busses requests for local transportation to and from work are increasing. Requests are also increasing for transportation "back home" for Thanksgiving. If you are planning to drive home for this event call us.

Daily transportation wanted from Roslyn, Colonial Village, Clarendon.

Wanted, a passenger to Buffalo Dec.21 and return about Jan.1.

Call Mr. Tullar - DI 7689.

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C H E S S

All devotees of the royal game of chess, whether experienced players or beginners, are invited to meet in Room 2050 South, Wed., Nov.20, 7:30 p.m. for a short organization meeting to be followed by an opportunity to play.

INTER-BUREAU BASKETBALL

Six teams have been entered in the men's inter-bureau basketball league of the A.R.A. Games will be played in the Roosevelt high gym, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Those entered are: Cotton Section, Traynham, mgr.; Corn-Hog, Callahan, mgr.; Clearance Division, Bertoline, mgr.; Soil Conservation, Kitsinger, mgr.; Disbursing Office, Haggerty, mgr.; All-Unit Team, Hudson, mgr. Two franchises remain open. See Jimmy Hitchens, Br. 4031. Winning team will receive an A.R.A. trophy.

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"VARSITY"

Under the supervision of Joe Bertolini, the Dept. 145 lb. basketball team is working out in Roosevelt gym. Prospects for a fast quint seem bright in Davis and Gale. The team has two of the fastest forwards in the city. The team has been entered in the Community Center League.

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EXERCISE

"Rudy" Blick, Audit AAA, is working hard to build up membership in men's exercise class. Wants to hear from all men interested. Class meets 9 to 10 p.m., Wed. at Roosevelt gym.

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BOWLING

You bowling fans, have you joined a team? This sport is going along at top speed. Join a team. Join a league.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Boxing, wrestling, fencing and dancing classes are running along on their regular schedules. Purchase an A.R.A. membership and join one of these activities. Remember that the A.R.A. policy is not for the expert players alone, but also for beginners. Come on out, a cordial welcome awaits you.

Bureaus Invited

The A.R.A. also extends an invitation to employes of all bureaus under the Department to take part in their program. Resettlement, Soil Conservation, Arlington Farms, Forestry Division, Good Roads, Potato Program, B.A.E., Animal Industry and all are welcome.

Information

Jimmy Hitchens, actively heading many of the association's athletic programs, can be reached, Br. 4031. He is in room 107 at 908 Independence Avenue. Ask him.

GIRLS' ACTIVITIES

The A.R.A. Athletic committee is endeavoring to locate another gym period to accommodate increased demands of members of the Girls' Exercise class. There should be two periods a week instead of one. Calisthenics, Danish exercises and games are enjoyed. Class meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. in Roosevelt high armory.

Basketball

The girls' basketball group held a speedy workout last week. Many new faces will be seen on the Dept. team this season. Captain Charlotte Wade, mgr., Frances Winter, Charlotte Reidell and Nudge Graney are from last years team. New ones from which players will be chosen include: Marge Watson, "Jimmy" James, Lucile Peterson, Arline East and Gordon. There is still a chance for others.

AAA Team Working

Much interest has been taken in the AAA girls' team, but more candidates are needed. Eleanor Leet, Audit, is captain.

Preliminary Games

The girls of the D of A basketball team have been invited to play in a number of preliminary games in Henrich's gym. Teams from Baltimore, Charlottesville, Warrenton and Atlantic City will be brought here. Notice of games will be published.

Inter-Bureau League

More girls are needed to form the inter-bureau league. Classes are on Tuesdays at Langley gym, 7 to 10 p.m., and at Hine, Jr. H.S. gym, Fridays, 7:30 to 10:15 p.m.

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DANCE TO FOLLOW GAMES

Plans are being made for a number of double and triple header games of basketball to be followed by dances. The first is expected to be held the first week in December. Watch for announcement.

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HIKERS, ATTENTION

Hikers of the Department will take a trip Saturday afternoon, Nov. 23. Starting from the District end of Chain Bridge at 2:30, hikers to bring lunches. The distance according to Earl P. Fowler in charge, will be about four miles. He asks all who intend to go to be prompt. To reach the starting point, take Cabin John or Potomac Hts. car and get off at Stop 20 and walk toward the river.

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We are receiving many notes expressing interest in a Department gymnasium.

Comptroller Girls in Lead

At the end of the first series played by the Aggie Ladies Bowling League in which ten teams participated, the girls from the Comptrollers Office came out ahead with twenty games won and 7 lost.

Results of the series follow:

Team	Won	Lost	Total Pins
Comptroller	20	7	11357
Corn-Hog #2	17	10	10961
Harvesters	16	11	11594
Extension	15	12	11796
Livestock	15	12	11224
Economics	14	13	11665
Biolo.Survey	11	16	10818
Corn-Hog #1	11	16	10722
Foreign Serv.	10	17	11296
A.A.A.	6	21	10455

High Team Game	Extension	531
High Team Set	Extension	1414
High Indi.Game	Fleharty	149
High Indi.Set	Eno	345
High Indi.Aver.	Fleharty	97-6
High No.Spare	Eno	33
High No.Strikes	Fleharty	13

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A membership card in the Athletic and Recreational Association, which costs but 25¢, will not only entitle you to privileges during the year 1936, but also for the rest of this year.

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OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!

The activities of the department are desirous of securing the assistance and cooperation of talented or ambitious employees in furthering the recreational and cultural activities now flourishing in the department.

It need hardly be mentioned that officials of the department are ever on the lookout for capable persons with administrative ability. **THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!** Take advantage of it. Whether you can play an instrument, act, draw, write, or just work for a worthy cause, **THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!**

Right now we need some people to help get out the Agriculture EXCHANGE; to edit or promote, or type. We need folks who can help get out publicity. **THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!**

Communicate immediately with A. C. Edwards, br. 2117, rm. 3841 South Bldg.
DO IT NOW!

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Parking Lot Problems

For those who are interested in a place to park their cars while at work, information on the subject may be gained from Mildred C. Benton, Division of Cotton Marketing, Br. 2149.

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Employees are again urged when addressing letters for members and officials of the A.R.A. or the Welfare Association, to make sure that the person's name, bureau and room number are plainly written.

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Gardners are landscaping the lawns around the Agriculture buildings, and employees are asked to walk on the concrete only. In other words, watch your step.

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WOMEN'S CITY CLUB

Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, widow of the former chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, is new chairman of the membership committee of the Women's City Club. She is anxious to secure from the department new members of this organization which offers so many advantages, both cultural and social, to women of all ages, whether professional or not. A letter to Mrs. Wiley, 2345 Ashmead Place, will bring the desired information. The club is at 736 Jackson Place.

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WELFARE STORE SPECIALS.....

Smoked Beltsville Hams	29¢ lb
" Shoulders	19¢ lb
" Bacon	30¢ lb

Fresh pork -- all cuts at very low prices.

Fresh pork sausage
Lard in 2 lb buckets.

CANDY SPECIALS THIS WEEK

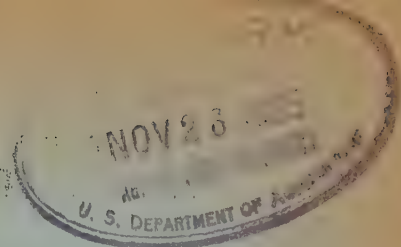
Fruit cakes... 1, 2, and 5 lbs at reasonable prices.

ACTIVITIES INFORMATION SERVICE

Under this head information on such things as the fuel club and other activities can be obtained by writing to Joseph D. Cooper, Biological Survey

JOIN THE ARA NOW.

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DEPARTMENT BALL AND CARD PARTY

CHORUS ENGAGED

Another carefree get-together will be held at the Washington Hotel Saturday evening, December 7, sponsored by the Athletic and Recreational Association of the Department. In line with its policy of offering quality entertainment at a moderate price, tickets have been priced at \$1.65 a couple for dancing and \$1.00 a person for those desiring to play bridge and dance too. Tickets for dance singles are also \$1.00. The A.R.A. guarantees not to overcrowd the ballroom. Should more tickets be sold than the ball room accommodates, refunds will be made or another dance will be held. Dancing to a fifteen piece orchestra will be held from 10 to 1, bridge from 9 p.m. Tickets will be available in your office.

WHAT A RECORD AGGIES

Here is the record of the Department's representative athletic teams under the supervision of the A.R.A. during the past ten months. To say nothing of the pretentious schedule carried on by nearly thirty competing teams in the Inter-Bureau Softball League, the Aggies started out by capturing the Herald-Govt. Softball League title. Then the AAA boys took possession of the Herald-Govt. Baseball Flag, with the Aggie Softballers returning the compliment by winning the Middle-Atlantic Softball championship. The Govt. Track Meet fell before the onslaught of the Aggies next, to be followed by the Softballers again, who this time bagged the D.C. championship. Second place in the National Pentathlon at Princeton University was just another of the accomplishments to which the A.R.A. can justly point with pride to its leadership.

Another mark of achievement in the meritorious progress of the Agriculture Chorus under Robert Fredrick Freund is seen in their engagement to sing for the Kentucky State Society November 29 at the Willard Hotel.

The Chorus is now busily rehearsing for its first concert of this season, the offering of the beautiful Maunder "Thanksgiving Song", to be given in the Auditorium on November 27 at 5 p.m. The fullness of beauty and delight in the music and lyrics of this cantata is such that it should not be missed.

In the past it has been necessary to take a collection at performances in order to defray expenses. This year that practice will be discontinued. All seats in the Auditorium will be reserved and subscriptions taken for those seats not reserved by patrons. These subscriptions are \$2.00 for one seat for the six concerts of the season and 50 cents for one seat for one performance. Call branch 2914 now to insure yourself a good seat.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

The Welfare Association wishes to again call to the attention of administrative officers the fact that emergency medical service is available by calling the Emergency Room. The Association also pays an annual fee to two doctors for immediate calls in cases of illness which cannot be taken care of through the facilities of the Emergency Room.

NOTICE

With the resignation of Mr. C. E. Cutter, for the past few weeks Acting Editor, the Agricultural Exchange is pleased to introduce the new Editor-in-Chief, Mr. Joseph E. Noyes of the Resettlement Administration, 1737 L St., N.W. Mr. Noyes was formerly connected with the Press Service of the Department of Agriculture. A reorganization meeting will be announced at an early date, at which it is hoped that all employees of the Department who are interested in any activities of the "EXCHANGE" will make known their desires to "get a chance".

The Department of Agriculture Post of the American Legion won the cup presented to the Post having the highest of new members enrolled in comparison with their quota. The Post had a percentage of 130. This cup is presented by the District American Legion.

On December 1 another cup will be presented by the Forty and Eight. This cup is to be presented to the Post having the largest percentage of new members in comparison to last year's membership.

On December 15 the Harlan Cup will be presented on the same basis as the Forty and Eight Cup.

The Department of Agriculture Post has a good chance to win the last two cups also, thus making a clean sweep of all the cups presented for new memberships. ALL VETERANS ARE ASKED TO JOIN AND MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. Fill out the coupon below and send it to - Mr. P. L. Blake, Adjutant, Rm. 104 Adm.

Name.....

Bureau.....Div.....

Room.....Phone.....

Home Address.....Phone.....

Unit and Branch of Service in War.....

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Another young artist with outstanding ability, Elizabeth Travis, brilliant pianist of Boston, Massachusetts, will be presented by Dr. Hans Kindler on the fifth Sunday afternoon concert at 4 p.m. December 1 in Constitution Hall. Miss Travis has had great success as soloist with an orchestra, having appeared with the Boston Symphony, and many times with large symphonies in Europe.

Dr. Kindler believes the National Symphony has a special duty to perform in the development of American music through assisting the American composer and artist. The world premier of "Circles of Washington" by R. Deane Shure, Washington composer, given by the National Symphony Sunday, November 17, was hailed as a brilliant work. Many other works are given their first world hearing through this orchestra.

CLUB LUNCHEON ACCOMMODATIONS

Limited private dining room facilities are now provided by the Agriculture Cafeteria in rooms which have been recently completed between wings 6 and 7 on the sixth floor. A good selection of foods is available, with a charge of 10 cents per tray being added to cover the additional cost of waiter service. Secure one of these rooms for your next luncheon.

BASKETBALL REFEREES!!!!

Basketball referees who gave their names to Jimmy Hitchens, basketball supervisor, are requested to report at Roosevelt High School Gym at 7:30 p.m. this Monday and Thursday. Any other referees who will volunteer their services for work in the Inter-Bureau Leagues are also requested to report at the gym.

BOXING

The Department of Agriculture boxing team has been working out for the past three weeks and has uncovered some very promising talent. About ten men have been working out regularly and it looks as if the boxing team will live up to the high standards set by the softball, baseball, and track teams representing the Department.

A number of matches are in prospect for the winter and a lot of action is expected of these boys. Mr. Leigh Hubbard is coaching the team and Julius Edelstein is assisting him. Among those on the team are: Ernest Koscis, 147 lbs.; Bob Campbell, 140 lbs.; Donald Stetson, 175 lbs.; George Rapp, 145 lbs.; Clinton Lewis, 150 lbs.; Bill Golding, 135 lbs.; Marcellus Blow, 126 lbs.; and Robert McKinney, 145 lbs.

We know that there are a large number of other boxers in the Department, and hope that they will turn out so that we may have at least 25 more on the team representing the Department of Agriculture. All new candidates should get in touch with Mr. Leigh Hubbard, Extension 2976.

INTER-BUREAU BASKETBALL

Activities in the newly organized Men's Inter-Bureau Basketball League will get under way next week at Roosevelt High Gym. One game will be played each week with the following teams scrapping out supremacy: Cotton Division, Corn-Hog Division, Option, Chemistry & Soils, Clearance and Disbursing Office. The EXCHANGE will carry the news of the scores and standing of these teams throughout the winter months.

A.R.A. BRIDGE CLUB

At the third meeting of the Duplicate Contract Section the winners were:

North-South--G. L. A. Rueble and F. Munchmeyer, both of F. & D. A.

East-West--Mrs. D. M. Wilson of Public Roads and Mrs. H. F. Noneman.

BASKETBALL

Prospects of the Department's Basketball team are unusually bright, what with the team numbering among its personnel such stellar players as Reynolds, Gearty, Forney, Hudson, Rosenfield, Berry, Jernigan, Lund and Beard. Last Thursday night at Roosevelt High Gym was the scene of the team's first workout.

FENCING ENTHUSIASTS

Roosevelt High School Armory is the scene every Wednesday night at 8:30 p.m. of instruction in FENCING. Mr. Naiman would like to know where all the followers of the graceful art are keeping themselves, especially when such elaborate plans had been laid to accommodate a great number of students. Okay Naiman!

The Department's star middle-distance runner, Sanders of the AAA Cotton Division, is entered in the A.A.U. 7-mile cross country run to be held Thanksgiving morning in Rock Creek Park. Let's make it another winner for Agriculture, Sanders, and here's a white carnation from the EXCHANGE by way of letting you know that WINCHELL did get in this article.

A.R.A. BUS EXCURSIONS

The chartered bus trips to New York City leave the 14th and Independence Ave. side of the South Bldg. on Wednesday after work. If employees are excused for the remainder of the afternoon, the bus will leave that much earlier, otherwise they will depart at 4:45. For more information call Miss Adelaide Zipperstein, Branch 2755, or Mrs. Amelia Boberg, Cleveland 0368 after 6:30, or write Joseph D. Copper, Biological Survey.

HERE AND THERE

Mr. Wilbur L. Borom, formerly with the Division of Seed Investigations, has returned to his studies at Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama.

WANT STENOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE?

Girls! Do you want to keep up on your stenography and EARN WHILE YOU LEARN? Opportunities are open to stenographers who can take down lectures to earn a little extra money and get worthwhile practice as well. If you are not fast enough to do reporting work now, an opportunity will be afforded you to practice without charge. Write to A. C. Edwards, B.A.E., Room 3341, South Bldg., giving your name, address and average speed.

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Drop in at the Pantry Shelf for the pause that refreshes - delicious sherbet and ice cream Dixies, all kinds of drinks and sandwiches. Go to the basement on the elevator at the Fifth wing and C Street.

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Mr. T. F. Lee, Secretary of the Department's DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, announces the winners of the Club's weekly game. Mrs. Rowe and Mr. Munchmeyer were the victors of the evening, and another match is scheduled for Nov. 27 at 8:00 p.m., 2400 16th St., N.W. Come out for a game, you followers of bridge -- remember no employees of the Department are excluded from these contests.

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WELFARE STORE SPECIALS

There is another big supply of that delicious fresh pork, all cuts.

Smoked Shoulders..... 19¢
Smoked Hams..... 30-35¢
Smoked (strip) Bacon.... 30¢
Lard in 2 lb. cans..... 34¢

Large assortment of delicious Thanksgiving Fruit Cakes, weighing from one to five pounds.

Fresh California Dates, 14½ oz.. 25¢
Fresh Limes, a dozen..... 20¢

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REDUCTIONS ON FUEL

The Fuel Club announces that reductions on all kinds of coal, amounting to 65¢ a ton on anthracite and 70¢ a ton on bituminous coal, have been arranged. Terms are C.O.D. The Club expects to secure better rates later on, but in order to fill orders has accepted this offer for the present. No arrangements have been completed for oil as yet, but some worthwhile contacts have been made. Send inquiries to the "Fuel Club", Joseph D. Cooper.

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HOUSING PROBLEMS

HOUSES: 6-room, furn., elec. washing machine, 35 min. drive to Agric. \$55. mo.

APARTMENTS: 4-room, unfurn., newly decorated, in Takoma Park---- 1-room, furn. or unfurn., on D St., S.E.---- 2-room, furn., including heat, elec., water., priv. entrance, in Aurora Hills, Va.---- 2-room, furn., on P. St. N.W.--- 1-room, furn. in Park Lane Apts.

ROOMS, MEN ONLY: Double at 14th and Park Rd.----Double on third floor on Girard, N.W.

ROOMS, WOMEN ONLY: Room to share for girl, on Allison, N.W.

ROOMS, MEN OR WOMEN: Double, meals opt. on A St., N.E.----Single, board opt. on C St., N.E.----Double room to share now and double vacant immediately at the Ethelhurst on 15th St.----Double on 16th N.W. in apt.----Room with porch suitable for two, on Park Road, N. W.

We have also received notice that there is for sale a five passenger Buick sedan in good condition and suitable for driving to work, priced at \$100.

An Emerson 8-tube radio, four years old, walnut finish, is offered by a party about to buy a new one. See - H. Albright, 1897 South Bldg.

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POPULAR ORCHESTRA

Will all those interested in organizing an amateur orchestra to play popular and dance music send your name, your Bureau name, and the name of the instrument you play to Mr. Joseph Cooper, Biological Survey.

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IMPORTANT MEETING

An important meeting of all those wishing to join the staff of the "Agriculture Exchange" will be held next Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M., Room 104 Administration Building.

Plans for complete organization of the Department's unofficial paper will be discussed at this meeting. All ambitious reporters and writers are asked to be present.

Editor's Note:

Owing to the fact that many Department folks have been out of town over Thanksgiving and the week-end, the brevity of this week's issue of the Exchange must necessarily be pardoned.

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NOTICE - SWIMMING GROUP - NOTICE BIG SPLASH PARTY

A Splash Party has been arranged for the members of the Swimming Group and their friends, Wednesday evening, December 11th, at 8:00 P.M. The scene will be the Ambassador Pool which insures plenty of "splashing" and an enjoyable evening for all attending.

Those wishing to join this swimming group may secure application blanks from Mrs. Romero, Room 3531, South Building.

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AH - POETRY AT LAST

My Henry is so debonair,
With his blue eyes and curly hair;
He just loves to do odd jobs for me-
How about fifteen copies of (1803).

Catherine Eagan.

ATHLETIC CARNIVAL

A continuous parade of athletic events including wrestling, boxing, fencing, archery, track, dancing, gymnastics, basketball, and etc., will be the order of the evening Saturday, February 1st, at the Roosevelt High Gym. The A.R.A. is sponsoring the Athletic Events from 7:45 to 11:00 P.M. with dancing to follow until midnight. Many high Government Officials and local athletic followers will be present to witness this, the most pretentious "ATHLETIC NIGHT" ever to be conducted by a Government Department. For the very meager price of only 25¢, you can be among the spectators that night.

By the way, Sport Lovers, how about starting the New Year right - get an A.R.A. membership card, a ticket to friendship, enjoyment, and better health.

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BASKET-BALL NOTES

The Departmental Basket-ball team started off the season as a member of the Heurich's League with a win over the Bolling Field Team, score 28-19. Playing together for the first time, the Aggies' combination of Lund, Berry, Beard, Fox and Rosenfield showed to advantage. Manager Pryor should not have a difficult time producing a court winner this year.

Not to be outdone by the men, the Girls' Departmental Basket-ball Team is hard at it these days practicing for their opening game of the season in the Community Center League. Arrangements are being made by officials of Heurich's Gym to bring teams from Atlantic City, Baltimore and Charlottesville to meet the "FAIR AGGIES".

THE AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE

AMERICAN LEGION POST #36

It is hoped that following next Thursday evening's meeting of all those interested in the future of the Exchange, this space will be occupied by the names of the members of the Staff. Remember next Thursday evening, December 5th, at 7:30 P.M., in Room 104 Administration Building will be "YOUR OPPORTUNITY" to join the organization of this Paper.

J.E.N.

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HERE AND THERE

LADIES FEDERAL BOWLING LEAGUE

In the Ladies Federal Bowling League, Agriculture teams Nos. 1 and 2 are tied for first place, each having won 20 games and lost 7. The A.A.A. team follows closely in third place with 18 wins and 9 losses - Resettlement appears to have a firm hold on the cellar position.

Mae Perry, Ceil Whitacre, Wilda Tucker, Edna Selander and Elsie Romero are setting the pace as individuals in "spilling the maples". Some fun, eh girls. Come on Resettlement!!!

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HIKING ENTHUSIASTS

Hikers of the Department will take another of their Sunday afternoon trips December 7th, starting from the District end of Chain Bridge at 1:30 P.M.

To reach the Bridge take either the Cabin John or Potomac Heights street car - get off at STOP #20 and follow the road and path down over the river bank. The hike will be about four miles, so bring your lunch baskets, says Earl Fowler.

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Room 2050, South Building, will be the meeting place, Friday December 6th of the Department's American Legion Post. All veterans are asked to attend as important business will be discussed at this meeting. Jerry Harab, Post #36 will notify members of the Post of the exact time the meeting is to be held.

Harold Miller, formerly associated with the Exchange as Asst. Editor and "Hurdy Gurdyist", has left Washington for the U.S. Plant Introduction Garden at Cocoanut Grove, Florida. Good luck, Harold, and let's have something "newsy" from Cocoanut Grove very soon.

Mr. L.O. Peterson, Room 114 Administration Building is driving to Chicago December 18th, returning January 5th. If you would like to go along, phone Mr. Peterson at Cleveland 2782.

?? GOING TO BUFFALO ??

Mr. J. Frost (Not Jack) would like to get in touch with anyone in the Department traveling to Buffalo about December 21st. He can be reached by phone at District 1027, Branch 35.

A Government employee traveling to Miami, Fla., the week of December 15th desires passengers for his five-passenger Deluxe Sedan. For information call Branch 2930, or see Mr. N.E. Brygger, Room 5960, South Building.

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That Resettlement Business Management Dance held at the Kennedy-Warren Hotel last Tuesday night was the real thing. More to follow folks!!! O.K. Resettlement.

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DEPARTMENT WORKERS' HOUSING PROJECT NEAR FULFILLMENT

Within the next month, Department employees will begin migrating to their new Jefferson Heights, Virginia homes. Seven dwellings are nearing completion, twenty-five more have holding payments made and still another twelve lots are available at a saving of \$150.00 if contracts are let before December 15th.

Streets are being cut through, water has already been installed, gas mains will be laid in a few days, and bids on a sewer system will be asked on December 12th. In about two weeks, the first house will be occupied in this little community of forty dwellings located on a wooded hill north of Alexandria.

These homes are estimated to have cost the owners twenty percent less than they would cost ordinarily, and the monthly payments will be approximately only two-thirds of what the occupants had been paying for rent in Washington.

At a recent meeting of the Community Planning Association composed of home builders in the project, it was voted to further the general interest of the group through the collective purchasing of various kinds of merchandise, including fuel and landscaping services. Careful provision has been made to protect home owners in all matters pertaining to construction, financing, zoning and all legal details concerning title and contract.

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DEPARTMENT ORCHESTRA PRESENTS PROGRAM OF SYMPHONIC DANCE MUSIC

Having been featured with great success in a recent joint performance with the Musical and Dramatic Guild, the Department orchestra will present a program of symphonic dance music on Wednesday evening, December 11th, at 8:30 P.M. in the Agriculture Auditorium. The charming "Nell Gwyn" dances by Edward German, depicting the old England of Henry VIII will be just one of the features of this program.

Mr. David Manley, tenor soloist of the Department Chorus, will render several vocal selections accompanied by Miss Eileen Crimmen. Dr. Walter Bauer will conduct the orchestra which enjoyed great success during the past season at the Sylvan Theatre. At the present time, the orchestra is preparing selections for a sound picture which the Division of Motion Pictures of Extension Service is preparing for release soon.

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AGRICULTURE CHORUS PRESENTATION

Under the direction of Mr. Freund the Department Chorus opened its concert season by rendering Maunder's lovely Cantata, "Song of Thanksgiving."

The program was enthusiastically received, especially the solo efforts of Marie Martell and Ruth Morgan, sopranos, Elizabeth Buckley, contralto, Robert Campbell, bass, and David Manley and M.L. Buckley, tenors.

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HOUSING PROBLEMS

APARTMENTS: 3 room furnished for
adults in Takoma Park,
Md.

ROOMS, Men Only: At 14th and Monta-
gue Streets. Room and
board on Independence
Avenue S.W. Two single
rooms on Columbia Road.
Single, with meals, if
desired on 13th St. N.W.

ROOMS, Women Only: For 1 or 2 girls
in apartment at the
Chastleton.

ROOMS, Men or Women: Double on Penna.
Avenue N.W. Single or
double on Illinois Ave.
N.W. Room with private
bath suitable for one or
two, and single without
bath on Somerset Pl. N.W.
Rooms near the Department
board optional, on 13th
St. S.W. Single or
double room on Irving St.
N.W.

HOUSES: New 2 bedroom bungalow
available now, east of
Bell Haven, unfurnished.
Six room house for sale,
small down payment re-
quired. Seven room house
for rent during this
month only, furnished.
Six room house for rent
in Takoma Park, Md.

WANTED: Girl to share 1 room apt.
kitchen apartment furni-
shed on C St. N.E. Want
1 or 2 room apt. furn.
or unfurn. by Dec. 15.

(H. Albright Want girl to share 1 room
Room 1897) apt. furn. at Miramar Apt.

*MOTOR TRAVEL BUREAU *

In the future Motor Travel News
will not be published in the Exchange.
However, Mr. Tullar, Room 6168 South
Building will be glad to accept all
communications involving miscellaneous
travel requests. Mr. Tullar wishes
to state that all requests regarding
records and desires for trips be ad-
dressed to him in Room 1027, 1615 Que
Street, N.W. Mr. Tullar desires it to
be known that he will not be able to
handle any motor travel bureau infor-
mation over the phone in Room 6168.

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AMERICAN LEGION POST #36

A few more members were enrolled
in American Legion Post #36 at a meet-
ing last Friday night in Room 6520
South Building. The Harlan Cup will
be presented on December 15th to the
Post of this City having the largest
percentage of new members on that date
in comparison to last year. With
this new increase in members, Post
#36 has a good chance of "copping"
the cup. JOIN THE POST. For further
information communicate with Mr. P.L.
Blake, Room 104 Administration Bldg.

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The Thirty-Hour Week and Leave
Bills will be the subject of a dis-
cussion by Marion Hedges and Michael
Schaeffer at the meeting of A.A.A.
Lodge No. 170, A.F.G.E. on Monday
night December 9th, at 8:00 P.M.
in the Department of Agriculture
Auditorium.

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Mr. Joe Cooper of the Exchange
Staff would like to hear from anyone
in the Department interested in a
bus excursion to New York on either
Christmas or New Years. Address
him in Room 104 Administration
Building.

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****CHESS CLUB TOURNAMENT****

The newly organized Department Chess Club announces a tournament for the championship of the Department of Agriculture and allied organizations beginning January 8th. Entries for this event will be accepted by Mr. D.S. Burch, Room 132-E Administration Building. The Chess Club meets every Wednesday evening at 7:30 P.M. in Room 2050 South Building.

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****BRIDGE CLUB SCHEDULE****

A Progressive Group of the A. & R.A. Bridge Club will meet next Thursday night, December 12th and the Duplicate Group on Saturday night, December 14th. Both groups will begin their meeting at 8:15 P.M. in the Berkshire Inn, 1603 K Street, N.W.

The Agriculture Duplicate Bridge Club will hold its next game December 11th at 8:00 P.M. 2400 16th Street, N.W. will be the scene of activities and your only ticket of admission is a partner.

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The Comptrollers' Teams of the Ladies Agricultural League are still winning. The Fair Sex bowlers, by winning two games from Economics during the past week, increased their lead over Extension, to four games. They now have won 27 and lost 9 for percentage of .750

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Fresh Meats of all kinds, roasting chickens, Christmas candies, fruit cakes, nuts, and avocado pears, are featured this week in the Welfare Store. Christmas Cards and wrapping paper may also be obtained; for a limited time.

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****BASKETBALL****

The court season is now in full swing throughout the Department under the supervision of the A.R.A. Six teams constitute the day inter-bureau with the same number of teams performing in the night division. The Department team managed by Mr. Pryor is a member of the Government League which plays its games at the Y.M.C.A. The Department's 145 pound team is performing in the Community League, and not to be outdone by the men, two girls' teams represent the Department, the Aggie Team, which made such a sensational record last season and the newly formed A.A.A. team. The men's Agricultural Team had an easy time in its opening game in the Government League, winning by forfeiture from Farm Credit.

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****AGRICULTURE BALL**
AND CARD PARTY**

The Washington Hotel last Saturday night was the scene of great festivity -- the reason being that the A.R.A. was marking just another step in its efforts to develop good fellowship and a broad sense of unity in the Department.

The Agriculture Ball and Card Party in other words was a huge success and Mr. Bertolini and Mrs. Terry are to be complimented for their handling of ticket sales. Music was furnished by the fifteen "Hot Chocolates." This orchestra was on its way from Charleston, S. Carolina for an engagement at the Cotton Club in New York City.

OKAY A.R.A.

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The National Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Dr. Hans Kindler will return from its New England and Canadian trip to make two appearances at Constitution Hall before the Christmas Holidays. The first concert will be given December 12th at 4:30 and the second will be given Sunday December 15th at 4:00 P.M.

"SOILS: Their Morphology, Genesis and Classification." Dr. Charles E. Kellogg, Acting Chief, Division Soil Survey. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. First semester begins Monday December 16 - Room - Chemistry Conference Room, 4003 South Building. Fee - \$15.00

The course will outline the principles of soil development with examples from the United States. Students should have had the equivalent of college freshman chemistry; previous training in plant physiology, geology, geography, and logic would be helpful, but not essential. The particular material drawn from these fields would be developed in the lecture and/or in assigned readings.

In the development of the course the subject matter will be treated in the following order:

(1) Brief history of the development of soil science, especially in its relationship to agriculture.

(2) The nature of soils. A summarized discussion of the principal properties of the soil mass such as color, texture, structure, colloids, and similar fundamental characteristics. This material will be treated briefly and only those important phases will be discussed which bear directly upon the remainder of the course.

(3) The factors of soil genesis.

(a) Parent rocks and weathering.

(b) Influence of living matter.

(c) Influence of climate.

(d) Influence of relief.

(4) Determination of soil morphology and the classification of types (briefly).

(5) The processes of soil development. This section will include about half or more of the course, and the great soil groups will be discussed in connection with the treatment of the soil processes under which they are formed. These are: calcification, podzolization, laterization, salinization, solodization, solonization, gleization.

(6) Systems of soil classification.

(7) A few lectures at the close summarizing the whole and discussing the implications and relationships to agriculture as a whole.

Second semester: This course will be followed with seminars on land classification; depending upon the wishes of the class one or two lectures at the close will be devoted to land classification.

Register at office of Graduate School, Room 4090, South Building.

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Due to the tremendous response to the announcement of a stenography class in the Graduate School, it has been found necessary to cease enrollments at this time. For those who still desire, however, to enter this course, arrangements will be made to accomodate additional classes after the first of the year.

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"ECONOMICS OF THE FARM TRACTOR" will be the subject of a talk by Dr. Naum Jasny this Monday, Dec. 9th at 4:40 P.M. in Room 3316 South Building. Dr. Jasny is well known for his work in German on this subject, and his lecture will be under the auspices of the Graduate School. Employees of B.A.E., A.A.A. and B.A. Eng. should be especially interested in this discussion.

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CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT ORCHESTRA

It is too bad that more Agriculture folks did not attend a concert of Symphonic dance music rendered by the Department orchestra last Wednesday evening in the Department auditorium under the very able direction of Dr. Walter Bauer. The concert was decidedly a success and both the orchestra, personnel and Dr. Bauer are to be heartily congratulated for their fine performance.

DO YOU WANT A DEPARTMENT ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS? The Exchange Correspondent is of the opinion that the personnel of the orchestra would be justified in asking this very bold question, inasmuch as the attendance last Wednesday evening was anything but encouraging. Less than half of the 400 who were present to enjoy this concert, were employees of Agriculture.

The Musical and Dramatic Guild is very happy to present these concerts which are open to the public at large but how much more appreciative it would appear if only the auditorium could be filled with department folks.

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WHERE IS MY COPY?

That eternal question, with reference to the "Exchange" seems at last about to be answered. The only way in which all may receive a copy on the day of issue, is to cooperate with those in charge of circulation. If the week's issue fails to reach your office on schedule, please notify the Circulation Manager at once, who will see that a sufficient quantity reaches you by the next mail. If you are interested in serving on the Circulation Manager's staff, please communicate with him at: Field Audit, Temporary #2 19 & D Streets, N.W. Paul A. Toneman, Cir. Mgr.

LITERALLY LOCKED IN

"Locked In", appropriately expresses the situation which confronts employees of the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates twice each month. These occasions occur on the days on which the U.S. Cotton and General Crops Reports are released for publication both here and abroad. Behind these B.A.E. workers, doors are bolted, with nail and hammer kept drawn blinds to their full, to stay drawn, and barred every other type of communication. In addition, the fostering of half hour (and less in some cases) inter-office luncheon sessions is no less an attractive feature, what with employees parading through a single corridor, each with a cup of coffee in hand. All of the afore-mentioned, to insure certainty of such secrets, lest you do not know, might prematurely affect so great a portion of our population engaged in Wall Street activities.

And should anyone think the writer has magnified the above described prison-like (but pleasant) surroundings, I hereby challenge he, she or it, regardless of title or position, to reach any member of Crop and Livestock Estimates on crop reporting days.

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Complaints are continually being received at this desk concerning telephone calls to persons affiliated with the Exchange and other employees activities. Such calls during Government working hours constitute a definite nuisance to Staff members and are a detriment to their department positions. Please cooperate with the Exchange by sending all material for publication in writing addressed to the Agriculture Exchange, Room 104, Adm. Bldg. Please sign all articles.

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LECTURES ON MATERIALS

It has been found impossible to accommodate the large groups attending the lectures on materials given by representatives of the Associated Industries and Members of the Procurement Division, at the Federal Warehouse. In the future talks will be given in the Auditorium of the Agricultural South Building, entrance on the Independence Avenue side, promptly at 5 P.M.

The following tentative lectures are scheduled: December 17 - Steel Sash; January 7 - Marble; January 21 - Tile.

For further information see any of the following:

H. A. Magnuson, Agriculture			
H. C. Sullivan, Navy Department			
Raymond Richardson, Resettlement			
R. M. Bristol, Supr. Architect's Office			
Edward Dunlap,	"	"	"
Mrs. Fuller,	"	"	"
R. S. Hart,	"	"	"
E. H. Lund,	"	"	"
Glenn Williams,	"	"	"
C. W. Stratton, Veterans' Adm'n.			
L. M. Leisenring, War Department			

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CAMERA CLUB MEETING

The U.S.D.A. Camera Club will meet at 8 o'clock on December 18 in Room 2050, South Building, to hear Mr. E. L. Crandall discuss composition in photographs. Mr. Crandall, a member of the professional photographic staff of the Department, has gained wide recognition for his work. His subject is one of prime importance to amateur and professional photographers. Non-members are also invited to attend this meeting.

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HOUSING PROBLEMS

APARTMENTS: 2-room furnished, in home for employed couple, on Park Road.

ROOMS: Large double room on 16th St., N.W. Single room for man on 15th St.; N.W. Single and double for men, on Independence Ave., S.W.

WANTED: Small apartment for woman and child in Brightwood School district, furnished. One room, kitchen and bath, unfurnished; not over \$35 per month; must be within walking distance of Agriculture. Two rooms, kitchen and bath, for occupancy about the first of February; would like to have apartment in N.E. or S.E.; not over \$40 or \$45 per month.

(H. Albright, Room 1897)

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BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

Popular demand leads the ARA once again to sponsor a bus trip to New York City, this time for the New Year's season.

A four-day, all-expense tour of the city includes Radio City, NBC studios, a famous Broadway Night Club, sightseeing, and New York's Milky Way on New Year's Eve. (Continued P.4 Col.2)

****RESETTLEMENT DANCE****

Remember the big Resettlement Christmas Frolic. It's a real party, with Santa Claus, refreshments, favors, and all the trimmings. Johnny Slaughter and his orchestra will furnish the rhythm!

Time: 10 to 1 Wednesday, Dec. 18th

Place: Kennedy-Warren,

3133 Connecticut Avenue

Price: \$1.00 stag - \$2.00 drag

Make a Merry Christmas Merrier!!

Come and bring your friends. Mrs. Frances Briscoe, chairman of the social committee, Debbie Kinnie, Secretary-Treasurer of the club, and Sally Lipman in charge of publicity, are helping to put the dance over. Come and help make it a success too.

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****BASKETBALL****

The Agriculture Men's team went down to their first defeat of the current season last Tuesday, in a bitterly contested battle with Resettlement; the score being 17 to 13. Their present average is one won and one lost. Games are played every Tuesday night at the Y.M.C.A. gym.

Both ARA teams and the AAA team in the girls group have secured franchises in the Community Center League. This group comprises 9 of the twelve leading girl teams in the District.

****MISCELLANEOUS****

Plans are being made for the mammoth Athletic Carnival which will be composed of the various athletic activities of the ARA. Full details concerning this event will be found in this column in the near future.

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****WE SOLICIT YOUR ASSISTANCE****

With the reorganization of the Exchange Staff, it is hoped that this publication will become a better newspaper, one that will contain real live news articles and features which will increase its popularity among the employees. While it is not our intent to discontinue such news about goings-home-on-vacation and the like, most articles of that type will be published in brief form in a special column.

To present human interest and real news stories, we need the cooperation of each employee. We need your suggestions and hints for articles. No metropolitan newspaper could possibly attain a complete news coverage without the valuable "tips" which its readers contribute.

In the past, we have been accused of favoring certain bureaus and slighting others. This was not due to any prejudice. It was because our news sources were limited due to the lack of Department-wide contributions. The present Staff is representative of mostly all bureaus, yet, because of the many buildings which house the Department, news from outlying offices is not always available unless voluntary correspondents from these places come to our assistance.

REMEMBER, THIS IS YOUR PAPER. WHAT IT IS, IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT. COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS, ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED.

Bob Fisher

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The second half of the course in "Current Economic Problems" began Saturday, December 7. There are five lectures yet to be given. Register for the remainder of the course in Room 4090, South Building.

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****MOTOR TRAVEL BUREAU****

Transportation is wanted over the holidays to: Atlanta, Pittsburg, Albany, Wichita, Sandusky, Buffalo, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Louisville, Toledo, Duluth, New York City, Jacksonville, Huntington, W. Va., Batesburg, S.C., Ashville, N.C. and from Wisconsin after Christmas.

Transportation is available to: Buffalo, Los Angeles, Denver, New York City, Plainfield, N.J., Jacksonville, Florida, and St. Louis.

Address all communications to Mr. Tullar - Food & Drug Administration, or 1615 Que Street, N.W. - North 2104, Extension 1027.

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****POST #36 WINS CUP****

The Department American Legion Post #36 is the proud possessor of the 40/8 Cup, awarded annually to the Post having the highest percentage in new membership. This makes the second straight Cup garnered by Post #36 and it is quite possible that the Harlan Cup will also be numbered among #36's trophies after December 15th. Congratulations #36 for your wonderful record over this your first year of existence!

At the last meeting of the Post on December 6th, it was decided to distribute Christmas baskets to the needy. All the Veterans are urged to join in making this worthy undertaking a success. The next meeting of the Post will be held on December 20th, location and time of meeting to be announced later.

J.H.

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****IMPORTANT****

Don't forget the great Athletic Carnival which is going to be held around the first of February. The A.R.A. is sponsoring this event and now is the time to join up with this organization, whose sole aim in the Department is to further the cause of good fellowship.

****IMPORTANT****

****DOROTHY TANTY WINS SPELLING MATCH****

The Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine has reason to feel proud of one of its members, who has succeeded in conquering such words as, tertiary, eidolon, and scutellate to the complete dissatisfaction of the Patent Office "Spellers".

On December 5th, in a broadcast spelling match over WMAL, Mrs. Tanty led her Bureau to victory over the Patent Office for their second straight win. The next broadcast spelling match is scheduled for approximately January 2nd on which date the AAA has issued a challenge to the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine. Lets see you go Mrs. Tanty!

P.T.

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(Continued from Page #2 - 1st column)

Approximately \$23 will include transportation, but a number of reservations for the usual \$5.00 excursion will be accepted.

No reservations for the all-expense trip will be accepted after Dec. 24th.

Further information may be secured from Mrs. Roby W. Stehr, Br. 523.

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MOTOR TRAVEL NOTICE

Department folks desiring to make travel connections for the Christmas holidays and over New Years, may secure any information they desire by writing to Mr. Tullar, Food & Drug Administration, or 1615 Que St., N.W.

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MERRY XMAS

****CHIEF FORESTER F.A. SILCOX TO WEL-****
COME 165 CHILDREN AT 31st ANNUAL
FOREST SERVICE CHRISTMAS PARTY

An 18-foot spruce tree will be brought directly from the Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia for the Christmas party of the U.S. Forest Service, to be held at First Congregational Church, 10th and G Streets, Monday afternoon, December 23. Santa Claus will be welcomed by 165 children of members of the Forest Service. A smaller living Christmas tree will be presented to Chief Forester F.A. Silcox.

The family of G.H. Collingwood will be on the stage to receive Santa Claus, who will arrive to the accompaniment of sleighbells, "snow" and other signs of Christmas. Rufus K. Helphenstine, Jr., of the Division of Forest Products, is general chairman of arrangements.

It is the 31st annual Christmas party of the Forest Service, the first having been arranged by the late "Uncle Harry" Towers in 1904. "Uncle Harry," who was then supply officer, paid for the first parties out of his own pocket. In 1907 shortly before he left the Forest Service, "Uncle Harry" was presented a chair, the gift of his fellow employees. The Christmas party came to the attention of the then Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot. Each succeeding chief forester has greeted the employees and their children at Christmas time.

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****COLORED HOMES PROJECT****

The Rent and Housing Committee of the Department wishes to call attention of colored employees to the PWA Housing project at Benning Road, between Twenty-first and Twenty-fourth Streets, N.E. The project calls for 22 groups of buildings in the form of two story brick row houses and flats. Contracts for the 301 apartments were let on December 12 and work is to start immediately. The project will be a planned community, free from interior streets, with ample room for children to play in an area set aside for them. The rentals are not yet fixed, but it is hoped they will not average over \$6 or \$7 per room. The Rent and Housing Committee has been glad to do its part to encourage the establishment of low cost housing developments and has furnished data indicating the need for them as reflected in the 11,000 questionnaire study that was carried on in the Department early last spring. Applications for living quarters may be made by writing to the Management Division, Public Works Administration, Interior Building, Washington, D. C.

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THE AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE TAKES
THIS OPPORTUNITY OF EXTENDING ITS
HEARTIEST WISHES FOR THE MERRIEST
OF CHRISTMAS' AND HAPPIEST OF NEW
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Fresh meats, Beltsville Farm --
 Smoked meats, Ham 29¢, Shoulder 19¢
 and Bacon 30¢ per pound. Lard in 2 lb.
 buckets 34¢. Pecans (thin shell) 1 lb.
 29¢, 3 lbs. 80¢ English Walnuts, 1 lb.
 25¢, 3 lbs. 70¢. Cheese Box Value -
 \$1.80, our price \$1.49.

CANDIES

Johnston 5 lb. Double Dip - \$1.39 box.
 A full line of 1 and 2 lb. Xmas Candies,
 Cigars, Cigarettes and all kinds of
 meats.

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STAFF MEMBER ELECTED

A singular honor has been bestowed
 upon a member of the Exchange Staff,
 Mr. Paul A. Toneman, in electing him
 a life member of the National Educa-
 tion Association. Mr. Toneman, you
 are due all the congratulations that
 have been forthcoming.

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HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS

Anyone interested in bus excursions
 to New York City during the holidays,
 please communicate directly with Mr.
 Joseph D. Cooper in Room 104, Adm. Bldg.
 for further particulars.

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LEGION POST NO. 36

The regular meeting of the Depart-
 ment Legion post was held on Decem-
 ber 20th in the South Bldg. Auditor-
 ium. Six new members were received
 into the Post giving #36 the highest
 percentage in the acquisition of new
 members in the District of Columbia.
 It was reported that several members
 associated with the distribution of
 Christmas toys collected by local
 theatres, and the Post itself, have
 secured enough contributions to
 assure many needy families of a well
 filled Christmas basket.

Veterans are urged to join in the
 activities of their Departmental Post.
 Sign up with #36, Room 104, Adm. Bldg.
 and see Mr. Blake who will gladly fur-
 nish the dotted line.

I. J. H.

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NEW YEAR CONCERTS

A new series of Students' concerts
 featuring a Brahms Festival and other
 outstanding concerts at Constitution
 Hall are in store for music lovers be-
 ginning with the new year. Under the
 direction of Dr. Hans Kindler, the
 National Symphony Orchestra is plan-
 ning to present these concerts in
 various highschools on week day after-
 noons.

Attractive circulars containing
 detailed information about these new
 concerts may be obtained at the Nat-
 ional Symphony Orchestra Association
 headquarters, 1113 Woodward Bldg.,
 Washington, D.C. For further details
 regarding the first 1936 program of
 the usual Thursday night concerts is
 to be held on January 9, 1936. A
 soloist of great renown will be fea-
 tured. Follow the Exchange.

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A GOOD NEW YEARS RESOLUTION
 WOULD BE TO JOIN THE A.R.A.

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****CHRISTMAS PROGRAM****
POSTPONED

Because of the many absences from the Department of Agriculture during the Christmas holidays, the Christmas program of the Agriculture Chorus, originally scheduled for December 23, has been postponed to January 9, 1936, when the Chorus will be honored by the presence of Mr. Gagliano, the composer of the Mass, an outstanding feature of the program. This change will necessitate the postponement of the program scheduled for January 28, which will be presented at a date in February to be announced later.

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*****CHRISTMAS TREES*****
(Their consumption & preservation)

The annual crop of some 10 million Christmas trees is more resplendent than ever, according to reports gathered by the Forest Service, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. Throughout the National Forests all Christmas trees prepared for shipment are given a red tag which certifies that the removal of the individual tree was made under supervision that prevented injury to the forest stand and left more room for other trees to grow new and better crops.

Chief Forester Ferdinand A. Silcox of the Forest Service will deliver "Greetings from the National Forests" for the Farm and Home Hour over N.B.C. at 12:30 o'clock, Monday, December 23. "Christmas Trees" will be the topic of Geo. A. Duthie, Chief of the Division of Information of the Forest Service, who will speak on the Science Service Program over W.J.S.V. and Columbia stations at 4:15 o'clock, December 24th.

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****SPORTS -- IN GENERAL****

Athletic activities will cease from December 20th until January 6, 1936 due to many players going home for Christmas. The A.R.A. is looking for a large number of new members to join its various endeavors after the new year. Watch the Exchange for future developments.

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The Agriculture Girls' team won its second game of the season when they defeated the National Christian Church team, 18 to 10. Many substitutes were given a chance to show their ability in this game.

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One franchise still remains open in the Inter-Bureau League. Any mens' team interested in joining this new Basketball League, please contact Jimmy Hitchens, Branch 4021. Jimmy is sorry to report the Aggie Basketballers fell before the Marine Barracks' Five in a Government League game during the past week. Led by Freeman, Howell, Clary, and Ferguson the Resettlement Quint has taken a new lease on life and supplanted the Aggies as favorites to win the championship of the Government loop.

After a poor start, the Resettlement boys have come to life and now have a record of three straight wins.

Department folks who really enjoy their basketball would do well to come out to the Heurich's Gym during the week nights and watch these Gov't League teams perform. All the daily newspapers carry advance notices regarding the schedule of games.

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****DANCE GROUP PARTY****

The Roosevelt High School Armory was the scene last Thursday night of a Christmas Party given by the "Dance Group" of the A.R.A. Refreshments, featuring a special blend of Wilkin's Coffee, were included among the treats of the evening and Mr. Mansuy is to be congratulated for his success in molding a spirit of "real interest" among his dancers.

Miss Pearl Twyne of the Exchange Staff reports a great time enjoyed by all members of the Group. - Just another boost for the A.R.A.

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****A.R.A. BRIDGE CLUB****

Will all members of the Club send their telephone number and complete office address to the Secretary of the Club, Room 112, Administration Building, as soon as possible? Several members have reported that no notices of scheduled bridge games have been received by them and it is thought to be due to incorrect or insufficient mailing address. Plans are underway for the annual meeting of the Club sometime in January and it is desired to make certain that everyone receives notice of such meeting so as to insure a large attendance. Also, election material will be issued within a few days in order to install officers for the new year. Support your club by being present at the Berkshire Inn, 1603 K St. N.W. on the following dates:

January 4th & 18th-Duplicate
January 9th & 23rd-Progressive
January 18th - Duplicate.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL YE READERS
OF THE EXCHANGE.

Editor

****REAL CHRISTMAS SPIRIT**
IN RESETTLEMENT**

The Reproduction Section of Resettlement is going to observe real Christmas traditions this Yule Season, by staging a small Christmas party at their new quarters, 1737 L Street.

Jack Carter of the Photographic Unit will impersonate Santa Claus and in general attempt to instill a spirit of "Christmas is not entirely for children" among the many members of Reproduction. Miss Alice Emery is in charge of refreshment arrangements, while Mr. Brotman, Chief of the Section, and his assistant, Mr. Thompson, will be present to support this, a very novel display of true "fellowship."

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****BRIDGE GAMES****

The next Department Duplicate Club game will be held in the Palm Room, 2400 - 16th St. N.W., December 26, 8:00 P.M. Admission will be fifty cents. These activities are open to all Department Employees, so come and bring a partner.

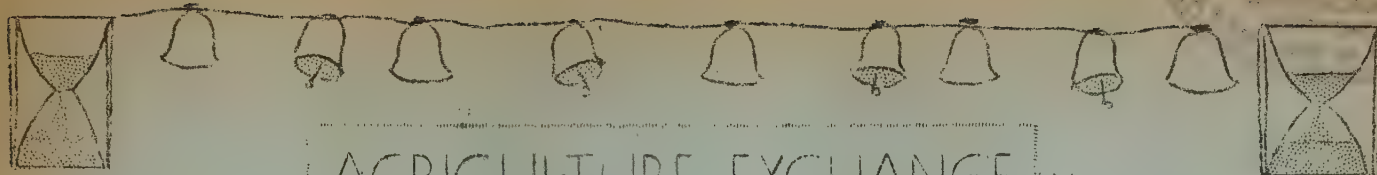
Miss Thelma F. Lee, Secretary of the Club reports that the winners of last week's game were Dr. S.B. Fracker (E. & P.Q.) and Mr. Middleton in the North - South position; and Dr. F.C. Blank (C. & S.) and Mrs. M. Barry, in the East - West position. O.K. Ye Bridge Enthusiasts!

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****A.R.A. BRIDGE CLUB****

Mr. J.L. Wilson reports that the Duplicate section enjoyed a very interesting game the evening of December 14th. Attractive prizes were awarded to the following winners: North-South, G.L.A. Rumble and V.B. Bonney of F. & D.A. East-West, T.W. Stone, W.B. and Mrs. Stone.

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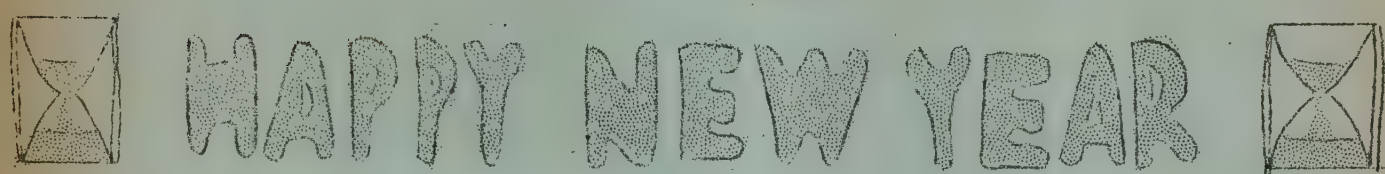


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THE IMPS OF MAMALDOM

Among the shrews may be found the smallest of mammals, some scarcely three inches in length. Mouselike in appearance, they are close relatives of the mole family. They are the "active, vicious, voracious little imps of the mammal world," says Dr. Hartley H. T. Jackson, senior biologist of the Biological Survey.

Shrews have been known to eat their weight in meat on an average of once every three hours for a considerable length of time. Three of them were placed under a tumbler and almost immediately two attacked and ate the third. In a few hours, one of these two killed and ate his companion. Thus in eight hours, one tiny shrew had killed and eaten two of its kind as big as itself. They have been known to attack each other on the slightest provocation.

Water shrews are excellent swimmers. In still water, they can rapidly walk or run across the surface without getting wet. Small globules of air are caught under the feet and the film over water combines to make this achievement possible.

Shrews are extremely delicate mammals; they frequently die from nervous shock. A hat was dropped over one of them, trapping it without touching it. An instant later, it was lifted. The shrew was unwounded, but dead.

Joseph D. Cooper

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GRADUATE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Bacteriology of the University of Maryland offers one or more courses in the evening for graduate students for credit towards the degree of M.S. or Ph.D. These courses will be a sequence of their regularly scheduled courses and will be given at College Park by the members of their staff. The fees at present are \$10 per credit hour in addition to a matriculation fee of \$10 for registration in the Graduate School. The course offered in any given semester will be selected to meet the requirements of the students already registered for evening graduate work and any additional students that may register. Accordingly, new students should communicate, as far in advance of the next semester as possible, with the Department of Bacteriology, University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

A detailed announcement of new courses available in the Graduate School of the Department of Agriculture will be made in the January 6 issue of the Exchange.

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DUE TO THE FACT THAT MANY EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT ARE OUT OF TOWN DURING THE HOLIDAYS, THE BREVITY OF THIS ISSUE OF THE "EXCHANGE" MUST NECESSARILY BE PARDONED.

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****The Dept. American Legion Post #36****

American Legion Post #36 extends to all the employees of the Department best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year. All Veterans are again urged to start the New Year right and join the Post.

The members of the Post and its auxiliary kept themselves well occupied before Christmas distributing Christmas baskets to the needy. Thanks are due to all who contributed to this good work.

I.J.H.

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****SETS BOWLING RECORD****

Alice McQuinn, star bowler of Agriculture's first-place team in the Ladies Federal League, brought glory to herself and her team last week in rolling the highest set of the season, 372 games of 139, 142 and 91. The duckpins fell for her!

Her teammate and captain, Mae Perry, chalked up a 359 set the week before. This was good enough for 3rd place until last week. Mae Perry is certainly proud of her team - and has a right to be!

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****SPORTS - IN GENERAL****

Athletic activities will cease from December 27th until January 6, 1936 due to many players going home for Christmas and New Years. The A.R.A. is looking for a large number of new members to join its various endeavors after the new year. Watch the EXCHANGE for new and better developments.

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****HOUSING PROBLEMS****

HOUSES: 6-room, furnished, on D Street, S.E.

APARTMENTS: 3-room in house, unfurnished, on Douglas St. N.E.

ROOMS FOR MEN OR WOMEN:

Double studio for 2 girls or married couple on Columbia Road - single and double on Tunlaw Rd. N.W.

ROOMS FOR WOMEN ONLY:

Single, on Randolph, N.W.

ROOMS FOR MEN ONLY:

Single with private bath and garage space if necessary, on Cortland Place, N.W. Room with twin beds and also single room, on Adams St. N.W.

WANTED: Young lady to share 1-room K. Apt. on California St. N.W.

Young Jewish lady to share 1-room apt. in downtown section to be found - 2 or 3 girls to share apt. at the Chastleton on 16th St. N.W.

See Miss Albright for further details, in Room 1897.

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A GOOD NEW YEARS RESOLUTION WOULD BE TO JOIN THE A.R.A. A GOOD SECOND WOULD BE TO SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO TOWARDS PUTTING OUT A BIGGER AND BETTER AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE!

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EMPLOYEE ACTIVITIES

The Office of Personnel has sponsored the establishment of various welfare and recreational activities, and has encouraged the voluntary formation of groups of employees with a view to working out cooperative plans for their mutual advantage and satisfaction. Some outstanding examples of these activities are:

The Welfare Association, a self-sustaining organization which makes non-interest-bearing loans to employees in need, operates a cafeteria and a store, employs a full-time welfare worker and sponsors the publishing of this "Agriculture Exchange".

The recently formed Credit Union has 500 members and has outstanding loans to employees in excess of \$12,000. Over 2,000 employees of the Department are participants in a hospital-service plan, which at a cost of 75¢ a month, provides 21 days of hospital care in any one contract year.

The functions of the rent and housing committee are to aid new employees to find satisfactory housing, to investigate the possibility for a cooperative apartment house for employees of the Department, and to organize a community project for the cooperative erection of individual homes at a moderate cost. A site in Virginia within a few minutes' drive of the Department has been selected, and construction of the first group of homes is under way. In fact, it is expected that several are ready for occupancy by this time, since this column carried an article to that effect several weeks ago.

The Musical and Dramatic Guild was formed by employees interested in music and the drama, and desiring to express that interest in the form of collective fellowship. The activities of the Guild

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AGRICULTURE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM POSTPONED

The Christmas Program of the Department of Agriculture Chorus, which was originally scheduled to be given on December 23rd, will be presented at 8:30 o'clock, January 9, 1936, in the Department of Agriculture Auditorium, under the direction of Robert Frederick Freund. The program promises to be an unusually fine one.

Mr. B. Gagliano, formerly coach in the Metropolitan Opera Company, and of John Charles Thomas, and composer of the Carol and the Mass to be sung by the Chorus, will be present on this occasion, in addition to the presentation of Schubert's Ave Maria, Malott's The Lord's Prayer, Handel's Hallelujah Chorus (from the Messiah) and several others. This is the first program offered by the Chorus on which Mr. Freund has appeared as soloist.

Those desiring seats for this concert should address the Department of Agriculture Chorus, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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A.R.A. COLORS AHEAD

Competing under the colors of the A.R.A. John Sanders, AAA, Cotton Division and former Louisiana State Star, won the two-mile indoor event at the New York YMCA track meet on New Year's Day.

Sander's time for the two miles was 10 minutes, 4 seconds, and merits him consideration to represent the A.R.A. in future meets at the Melrose games in New York and the Boston AA games.

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WELFARE STORE FRESH PORK -- ALL CUTS
FOR WEDNESDAY. SMOKED HAMS, SHOULDER
AND DELICIOUS BACON.

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****AN EVENING OF RARE ENTERTAINMENT****

Under the sponsorship of the Dale Carnegie Club of Washington, D.C. Mr. Charles M. Newcomb, widely-known humorist, Chautauqua lecturer and psychologist of Delaware, Ohio, will deliver one of his inimitable and timely talks on the topic "What are YOU Afraid Of?" at Pierce Hall, 15th & Harvard Streets, N.W. Wednesday Evening, January 8, 1936 at 8:15 o'clock. Tickets can be obtained at Southeastern University direct, 1736 G. Street or by contacting Mr. Elban, Room 0001, Br. 738, for only 50¢.

Not only will our fears be analyzed and synthesized, but remedies will be prescribed by the Buckeye philosopher, according to unwritten promises.

The speaker is known nationally as one who can provide an evening's entertainment such as will tickle your funny-bone, put you through the exhilarate stimulus of cerebral callisthenics and leave with you the satisfaction of an inspiring message.

GET YOUR TICKET NOW!

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****CHESS TOURNAMENT****

As previously announced the tournament for the Chess Championship of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and allied organizations will begin Wed. evening, Jan. 8, at 7:30 P.M. Regular members and others interested will please note new meeting place Room 2349, South Building.

The first regular meeting of the American Legion Post #36 for the New Year was held on Friday evening, January 3rd. Final plans were discussed regarding the joint meeting of the Auxiliary and the Post to be held at the Broadmoor Apartments, 3601 Connecticut Ave. The Post has received a letter from Ray Murphy, National Commander, commending the members on their success in exceeding their quota of membership for the year.

How about joining Post #36, Veterans??

I.J.H.

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****EDNA HEFFNER WINS SPELLING CONTEST****

The Department Spelling Club gave a written contest Tuesday, December 17, a cash prize being won by Edna Heffner of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Every Tuesday evening at 4:30 P.M. in Room 6853, there is a meeting of the Club and anyone interested, is Welcome.

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****NATIONAL ORCHESTRA RESUMES** CONCERTS**

Symphonic scenes from three great operas will constitute the National Symphony Orchestra's all-Wagner concert, a night event beginning at 8:30 P.M. will feature Elsa Alsen, soprano and Paul Althouse, tenor, as soloists.

This program and another on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 12, featuring Frances Nash, pianist, mark the Orchestra's return to its concert schedule after a 3 week's holiday intermission.

Since the Thursday event brings National Symphony patrons their 2nd night concert of the season, it will be an occasion for social interest, as well as for that of music lovers.

Dr. Kindler, conductor of the Orchestra, recently addressed the Music Teachers' National Assn. in Philadelphia at the Association's annual convention.

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are carried out through three major groups choral, dramatic and orchestral. The Athletic and Recreational Association was formed to promote and foster athletic and recreational activities among our employees. It is estimated that upwards of 2,000 employees are active participants in the various activities of the association.

The members of the "Exchange" staff are more than willing to cooperate in any way possible to further the spread of activity among these various Department extra-curricular organizations.

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SPORTS - IN GENERAL

Jimmy Hitchens of the Staff reports that the re-organized Mens' Basketball Team has taken a new lease on life and advises all basketball lovers to follow this column for future announcements concerning the schedule of the team in the Heurich's League.

The A.A.A. girls' basketball team will open the current season in the Community Center League by facing the National Christian Church quintette on Tuesday evening, January 7 in the Langley H.S. gym, 3rd and T Streets, N.E.

The Departmental girls' team will oppose the G.A.O. aggregation on the same evening, at 8 o'clock. All rooters are urged to attend.

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HERE AND THERE

Why not attend the Progressive Bridge game Thursday evening at 8 P.M. January 9 at the Berkshire Inn, 1603 K Street, N.W.? Excellent prizes to the winners.

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Congratulations are in order for Miss Gladys I.F. Thomas of the Records & Printing Section, AAA and Mr. Paul Finegan, who were married Monday, December 30 at St. Thomas Catholic Church. They are now on their honeymoon in the South.

ABOUT FLYING SQUIRRELS

More interesting than the tree squirrels about which we are familiar is the flying squirrel, found quite commonly in the eastern and western United States. Because they are strictly nocturnal and seldom descend to the ground, comparatively few people have seen them in action.

Their "flying" is accomplished by gliding from an elevated point on one tree to a lower point on another. Ascending the tree, they are ready for another flight and it is not uncommon for them to negotiate flights up to 150 feet. Flying squirrels can easily veer from side to side in a flight and zoom upward in landing on a tree trunk.

According to Arthur H. Howell, Sr. Biologist of the Biological Survey, flying squirrels are known to gather and live in groups, especially in the winter months; he relates having observed upward of 200 of these squirrels "frolicking" and "sporting about" at one time in a single grove of trees.

Joseph D. Cooper

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"CO-ED LAW CLUB"*

Class 1935, of the Washington College of Law has organized a co-ed law club, to be known as the General Mussey Law Congress. The club has been named in honor of Gen. R. Delavan Mussey, deceased who was a lawyer and soldier & served as Aide-de-camp to President Abraham Lincoln. General Mussey's wife who is now 86 years of age is Honorary Dean and one of the co-founders of the College. Geo. P. Lamb, graduate of Purdue University and Georgetown Univ. Law School, has been selected as advisor to the club.

The purpose of the club is to foster the advancement of literary pursuits, and all interested in securing membership should contact Mr. Wayne H. Smith, Cancellor, Room 4751, South Building.

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****NEW COURSES AVAILABLE IN THE U.S.D.A. GRADUATE SCHOOL****

ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND COMPOSITION - Dr. Homer C. House, Head of the Dept. of English Language and Literature of the University of Maryland will be in charge of the course.

ADVANCED COURSE IN MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION - Dr. Olson of American University and Mr. Keplinger, Forest Service, both recognized leaders in this field, will conduct the course.

FOOD SELECTION FOR GOOD NUTRITION - conducted by Dr. H.E. Munsell and Dr. H.K. Stiebeling of the Bureau of Home Economics.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OBJECTIVES - will begin January 10. This course is free to Department workers - register in office of Graduate School, Room 4090, South Building.

ELEMENTARY STATISTICS - First semester. Instructors: Messrs. Stauber and Hosking.

SOILS MORPHOLOGY, GENESIS AND CLASSIFICATION - by Dr. Charles E. Kellogg.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW - CONTRACTS - Two separate courses by Elmer D. Hays.

CYTO-CHEMICO-PHYSIO-EMBRYOLOGY - Course deals with Principles of Animal Development with special relation to cytological recreations, multiplication and differentiation by Dr. Alice L. Brown.

PLANT CYTOLOGY - by Dr. Ronald Bamford, University of Maryland

PLANT BIOPHYSICS - by Dr. Glenn A. Greathouse, University of Maryland

PLANT BIOCHEMISTRY - by Dr. M. W. Parker, University of Maryland

ELEMENTS OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION - 10 week lecture course beginning April 3.

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****CAMERA CLUB****

At the next meeting of the U.S.D.A. Camera Club to be held on Wednesday Evening, January 8 at 8:00 P.M. Room 2050, South Building, the guest speaker will be Dr. S. S. Jaffee of the Washington Photograph Society.

Dr. Jaffee is known for his outstanding research with the use of light as a medium of expression. His talk will be illustrated with many interesting pictures.

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****"MOUSE" YEAR IN JAPAN****

Japanese all over the world are celebrating the end of the year of the boar a year of fierce aggressiveness and greeting the year of the mouse-a year of kindness and good will.

Each year in a 12-year cycle is named for a different animal. Thus, 1936, the year of the mouse will be followed by years of the cow, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, bird, dog and then the boar again. A new year means to the Japanese the start of a new life.

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DEPARTMENT'S OLDEST

January 2, 1936, rounded out exactly 52 years of service for Mr. T.A. Keleher of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, the oldest employee in point of service in the Department.

In 1844, when Mr. Keleher entered the service, a Secretary of Agriculture was unknown, the Department being under the jurisdiction of a Commissioner. At that time, the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine was called the Division of Entomology, with Professor C. V. Riley in charge. There were but fourteen persons constituting the personnel of that branch. Today, the Bureau employs approximately 3500 persons.

Mr. Keleher recalls vividly the occasion in 1880 when the last Commissioner was designated as Secretary of Agriculture. Because of Mr. Keleher's widespread experience with silkworm culture, he was called for an informal talk with the then Secretary Wilson regarding the raising of silkworms in the South.

This practice was instituted in 1902, but abandoned in 1908 as impracticable.

Mr. Keleher has always been held in high esteem by all his associates in the Department and probably will continue to laugh at Father Time for several more years, if his present activity is any criterion.

HOSPITAL GUILD ANNOUNCES

The Hospital Guild of Local #2 N.F.F.E. announces that the \$5. annual premium for the next year will be due Feb. 1, 1936. The Guild is open to all members of the National Federation of Federal Employees of 6 months standing. Outstanding features of the Guild service are low dues, 4 weeks hospitalization instead of the usual 3 weeks, and the fact that the protection extends to policy-holders wherever they may be when taken ill. Additional information may be secured from Marie Heisley, Secretary of the Agriculture Branch, Room 0010, So. Bldg. Br. 744.

A.R.A. ACTIVITIES

Basketball is again going along at top speed since resumption of activities after the holidays. Both the Men's and Girls' Basketball Teams are entered in league competition, the former in the Neurich's League, and the latter in the Community Center League.

The Girls' Exercise Classes have been resumed and members of the fair sex are meeting every Wednesday night at 8 P.M. in the Roosevelt gym. The Departmental Junior Varsity Basketball Team, under the leadership of Joe Bertolini, is one of the city's leading lightweight quints, including on their schedule such formidable clubs as the Pepco Team, Erlich's Poultry, and the Trojans.

John Sanders, Arnold Preheim, and other Department track stars are hard at work under the supervision of Manager Pryor preparing for winter meets in New York and Boston. The A.R.A. is winning a national reputation through these track performers, not to mention the notoriety brought to the Department by last season's soft-ball champions.

Fencing instruction is being given every Wednesday night in the Roosevelt High School gym. Bowling is proving such a popular winter sport that the lack of space prevents the publishing of box scores. Even the executive committee of the A.R.A. is working overtime with their plans for the Athletic Carnival to be held the 1st week in February. OKAY, A.R.A.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

WOULD ALL YOU READERS PLEASE DROP THE EXCHANGE STAFF A LINE ---***--- SIMPLY SAY "WE WANT THE AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE" OR VICE VERSA. UPON YOUR RESPONSE RESTS THE FUTURE OF THIS PUBLICATION.

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HITCHCOCK LIBRARY WILLED
TO SMITHSONIAN

Disposing of his botanical library, believed to be the greatest of its kind in the world, the will of Dr. Albert S. Hitchcock, Agriculture Department scientist and authority on grasses, was filed yesterday in the District Supreme Court.

Mrs. Rania B. Hitchcock, widow of the deceased, was left the remainder of the estate. Dr. Hitchcock died, while he and Mrs. Hitchcock were returning from Amsterdam, Holland, where he had represented a number of scientific organizations. He had been employed in the Department of Agriculture for 35 years. Truly, the Department has lost one of its most noted and beloved scientists.

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HERE AND THERE

Mr. James Chapplear of B.A.E. was the victim of an unusual accident as a result of a fire which broke out in his home during the Christmas holidays. Mr. Chapplear was burned severely about the hands in his brave attempt to extinguish the fire, and is now receiving best wishes for a very speedy recovery.

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HAVE YOU JOINED THE A.R.A. YET? FOR
A MERE 25¢ YOU CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
ITS MANY OFFERS. WATCH THE EXCHANGE
FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS.

DEPT. AMERICAN LEGION POST

At their first meeting for the new year held on January 3, the Post had a report given to them from their Welfare Officer, Comrade Morelock on the various accomplishments of the organization. Six new members were admitted into the Post. More are wanted -- Veterans, Join Now!

A social combination meeting of the Post and Auxiliary will be held on January 25 at 8:30 P.M. in the Broadmoor Apts. Refreshments will be served and dancing in-between-times. Everyone is invited to attend, with the small admission fee of 50¢ per person to cover expenses. An additional incentive to be present.

I.J.H.

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NEW GRADUATE SCHOOL COURSE

Cyto-Chemico-Physio-Embryology. Principles of Animal Development, with special relation to cytological recreations, multiplication and differentiation. Two illustrated lectures a week. Mondays and Wednesdays at 5 P.M. Fee \$15.00, Register now in Room 4090.

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DR. KAGAWA TO LECTURE

Consumers' cooperatives in general and Japanese cooperatives in particular will be discussed by the world-famous Japanese religious and welfare worker, Dr. Kagawa, at Luther Place Church, 14th and N Sts. N.W. Saturday, January 18 at 8 P.M. At 10 A.M. on the same day, Dr. Kagawa will speak at American University, and again at 1:30 P.M. at a luncheon at the Mayflower Hotel.

Dr. Kagawa will address a mass meeting at Calvary Baptist Church, 8th and H Streets, at 3 P.M. Sunday, and again at 8 P.M.

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****HOUSING PROBLEMS****

HOUSES: 6 or 7-room house for rent unfurnished, in Virginia Highlands. Can have lease to August, 1937, if desired. Electric, kitchen.

APARTMENTS: All but one room of 5-room apt. for rent furn. on 11 St. N.W. - 1-room apt. with large kitchen furn. or unfurn. on V St. N.W. - 2-room apt. unfurn. in Takoma Park, Md.

ROOMS: Double or triple room and board on Clifton St. N.W. - Single room in private home, with board, on R.I. Ave. N.E. - Room for two or three girls in apt. with young lady and her mother, on Ordway St. N.W. - Single room with private bath, screened sleeping porch, for man only; garage space if desired; on Cortland Place, N.W. - Furn. single room at No. 12 So. Highland Street, Clarendon, Va. (Inquire Ext. 60).

WANTED: Couple to rent four first-floor rooms, furn. in Hyattsville, Md. - Want 2-room apt. furn. in neighborhood of Shoreham soon - Want 1-room kitchenette, bath apt. unfurn. preferably S.E. or in Anacostia. See Miss Albright for further details, Room 1897.

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****WELFARE STORE****

PLENTY OF BELTSVILLE CREAM FOR EVERYBODY

SMOKED	(Hams	- 29¢ lb.
BELTSVILLE	(Shoulder	- 19¢ lb.
MEATS	(Bacon	- 30¢ lb.
	(Shoulder Butts-	25¢ lb.

PURE PORK LARK - 2-lb. buckets 34¢
 FRESH PORK AND FRESH SAUSAGE MEAT
 FRESH CALIFORNIA DATES - 14½ oz. 20¢
 SPECIAL - Assorted Chocolates, 2-lb. 95¢, Assorted Chocolates, 1-lb. 29½¢
 PURE MAPLE SYRUP - 1 gal. \$2.45.

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****SPORTS********C. U. BOXERS TO BEGIN**
THEIR FIGHT SATURDAY**

The Catholic University boxing season will get under way Saturday night with the Cardinal biffers clashing with the strong North Carolina State mitt team in the C.U. gym. This is the first match of the season for both outfits.

Several of the C.U. lads are members of the football team which has returned to the City after defeating Mississippi in the Orange Bowl classic at Miami. Chief of these are Chup Rydzewski, light heavy, John Chludenski and Leo Katalinas, heavies; Pete Dranginis, 165 pounder and Sully Greco, 155 pound ace. Let's go, boxing enthusiasts.

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The following is the standing of the A.R.A. Men's Inter-Bureau League:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Cotton	2	0	1000
Clearance	2	0	1000
Publications	1	0	1000
Marketing	1	1	500
Secretary's Files	1	2	333
Option	1	2	333
Soils	0	3	000
Erosion	0	0	000

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****A.R.A. BRIDGE CLUB****

The Department of Agriculture Bridge Club will hold three games during January on the 8th, 22nd, and 29th, respectively, at 2400 - 16th Street, N.W. Admission 50¢. Come and bring your partner.

Winners of last week's game were Dr. F. A. Blanck (C. & S.) and his partner Mr. G. H. Warthen.

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****GRADUATE COURSES****

In view of the special conferences necessitated by recent Court decisions, it has been necessary to postpone the Special Series of Department Objective Lectures. A new announcement will be issued in about six weeks by the Graduate School, U.S.D.A.

The following courses are now available:

A new course is being organized by Dr. Charles Wm. Rees in ANIMAL HISTOLOGY. It should be especially valuable to those working with problems in animal pathology.

LANDSCAPE GARDENING will be offered by Dr. L. C. Corbett.

FOOD SELECTION FOR GOOD NUTRITION: By Dr. H.E. Munsell and Dr. H.K. Stiebeling.

ELEMENTARY STATISTICS - First Semester, by Messrs. B.R. Stauber and F.J. Hosking.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW--CONTRACTS: Two separate courses by Elmer D. Hays.

ELEMENTS OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION will begin April 3, 1936.

Register for the above courses in the Graduate School, Room 4090, South Building.

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****H O R T S****

****ORCHESTRAL NOTES****

Mr. Mansuy, instructor of dancing in the A.R.A. announces a new class in both tap and ballroom dancing, February 6 at Roosevelt High School, 7 to 8 P.M. Admission 25¢. Advanced classes will continue in a separate room. Three hours of ballroom dancing will follow the classwork. Everyone is urged to attend.

The Department's Symphony Orchestra has been for a long time in need of more VIOLA players. Violin players may secure viola practice on two instruments now.

There are other openings in the second violin and string bass sections.

Dr. Walter Bauer, Director of the Department Orchestra, has been called upon several times in the past to conduct the Washington Orchestral Society in the absence of Dr. Kurt Hetzel.

In order to complete the organization of an amateur orchestra to play popular dance music which was announced some time ago, it will be necessary to have the cooperation of two saxophone players (alto and tenor), as well as an additional cornet player.

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****REMEMBER THE NEEDY****

Pearl Twyne of the Staff reports that on January 2 the Agriculture Spelling Club came out victorious over the General Accounting Office. The contest was broadcast over WMAL. Mrs. Dorothy Tanty won the prize, making the third consecutive time she has carried off these honors. Mr. Althouse took second place on the Agriculture team and the efforts of the Team as a whole is worthy of commendation.

Anyone desiring to help certain worthy cases and who can afford to contribute either money or clothing, please get in touch with Miss Albright, Room 1897, South Building. She will be glad to see that such items are distributed to persons in need.

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The appointment of a nominating committee to secure an Officers' Staff for the coming year will be the chief order of business at the monthly meeting of the Agriculture Branch of the N.F.F.E. #2, which will be held Wed. Jan. 22 at 8 PM 710-14th St. N.W. All members are urged to be present.

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RESETTLEMENT TOPS CELTICS

Basketball fans who missed that triple bargain bill at Heurich's Gym last Sunday failed to see a great Resettlement quint rout the St. Mary's Celtics by the score of 42 to 26.

Led by Howell, Sothoron, Cleary and Augusterfer, Dr. Tugwell's boys won going away, and by their victory climbed right into the thick of the battle for the Heurich Cup League Championship.

In their next encounter the Resettlement squad will attempt to stay up among the leaders at the expense of a recently revamped Fort Myer team. At this point in the schedule, Rinaldi Tailors, Delaware & Hudson, Acacia and Resettlement are setting the pace in the City's strongest Independent League, and more than likely the winner of this loop will rank just about "tops" in amateur circles around the South Atlantic Section.

FLASH

The Resettlement Five appears to be going after the Government League Title as well as Heurich's; its latest victory being almost as easy as its rout of the Celtics. Resettlement - 32, Marine Barracks, 19.

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CORRECTION

In the January 13 issue of the Exchange under the column titled "Department's Oldest," the Editor wishes to announce that the date of Mr. Keleher's entrance into the Department should be 1884 instead of 1844 as erroneously reported.

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**LEAVE MEASURES BEING REVIVED **

Steps reviving discussion of the Government Employee leave bills were undertaken in the Senate during the past week. The measures have been sent back to the Civil Service Committee for a study of questions raised by Senator McKellar, Democratic, of Tennessee. It is expected that several other bills of interest to Government employees will be reached on the Senate calendar the first of the week.

Senator McKellar, contending that the leave bills in their present form, would not result in equal treatment of all Government workers, had action postponed in the closing days of the last session after the bill had passed the House.

One bill would restore annual leave to 30 days, as it existed before the Economy Act cut it to 15 days. The other measure would cut sick leave from 30 to 15 days, with accumulative provisions.

The other important Federal Employee Bill on the Senate calendar is the Logan proposal to place all positions in the Executive branch of the Government under Civil Service, with a requirement that incumbents in non-civil service jobs take a non-competitive Civil Service Examination. A number of Senators opposed consideration of this proposal at the last session, however, and there are no signs at this time that these objections have been removed.

It is expected that Chairman Bulow of the Civil Service Committee will call a meeting for an early date in order to iron out these objections and get the measures back on the calendar for action.

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DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE CHORUS

The work of the Department of Agriculture Chorus in its concert of Christmas music on January 9 was, without doubt, the most effective it has yet rendered, and the audience responded with a warm ovation. Dr. Robert F. Freund conducted the opening and closing numbers, and Mr. B. Gagliano, the composer of the lovely "Mass in G" and "A Christmas Carol," which were sung by the Chorus, was guest conductor.

After the concert, the Chorus gathered at Sholl's Party Room where a most enjoyable time was had, the occasion being Dr. Freund's birthday. Refreshments of ice cream and birthday cake and coffee were served.

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CHESS CLUB NOTES

The tournament of the Agricultural Chess Club is now under way with 16 active participants. Enrollment in the tournament will close January 30. For the convenience of the majority of players, the meeting night has been changed from Wednesday to Thursday evenings. The last Wednesday session will be held January 22. The following meeting will be held Thursday, January 30, and all meetings thereafter. The Club meets in Room 2349, South Building. All chess players are cordially invited to display their skill. Bring your own equipment.

DEPT. AMERICAN LEGION POST

On Saturday, January 25, at 8:30 P.M., the Department Post and its Auxiliary will hold a joint social meeting at the Broadmoor Apts. located at 3601 Connecticut Avenue. Refreshments will be served and dancing will be permitted. Everyone is invited to attend and have a truly enjoyable evening. There will be a small admission fee of 50¢ per person to cover expenses.

Mr. P. L. Blake wishes to announce that the next regular meeting of the Post will be held on February 7, at 8:30 P.M. Further details will be announced later.

I.J.H.

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ADDITIONAL GRADUATE SCHOOL
COURSES TO BE HAD

PLANT ECOLOGY -- Dr. M. B. Waite, assisted by various specialists. Meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Room 4609, South Building at 4:40 PM.
ECOLOGY OF PLANT DISEASES - 2nd Semester
In this course, an attempt will be made to develop the principles of ecology as applied to plant diseases. The effect of the various ecological factors will be discussed in relation, first to the non-parasitic diseases of plants, and second, to the virus and parasitic diseases of plants; and the ecology of insects concerned in transmitting disease will be considered. The ecology of special-type diseases and special groups of diseases, particularly diseases of fruits, but also of other horticultural and agronomic crops, will be stressed. Prerequisites; a general knowledge of botany, phytotechnology, and plant pathology, and the first semester.

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REMEMBER, ALL YE PARTICIPANTS, TO AVAIL YOURSELF OF THE MANY A. R. A. ACTIVITIES -- YOU SHOULD BECOME A MEMBER.

****HOUSING PROBLEMS****

ROOMS: Large room, third floor, for 3 girls. Room with board on Euclid Street, N.W. - Large room second floor, for two young men to share; board included on Euclid Street, N.W.

APARTMENTS: 4-room furnished or unfurnished on Farragut St. N.W.

WANTED: Two boys to share 2-room apt. at Kew Gardens Apts. on Q St. N.W.

MISCELLANEOUS: If interested in buying slightly used brown broad-tail fur coat, size 16, see Miss Albright.
Daughter of employee needs coat. If anybody knows of one we could have, please contact Miss Albright.
WANTED for cash, good used dining room suite, some pull-up chairs and end tables, also other miscellaneous pieces of furniture.
See Miss Albright in Room 1897 in connection with the above.

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**** GOING HOME ****

With the rendering of the Supreme Court decision declaring the A.A.A. unconstitutional, many former Department employees are preparing to return home. Due to many requests reaching the Exchange concerning transportation, this column wishes to announce that all information relative to motor travel may be secured by communicating with Mr. Paul E. Tullar, 1615 Que Street, N.W. In addressing Mr. Tullar for information, kindly enclose a stamped return envelope, or if desired he may be reached by telephone at North 2104. SPECIAL Transportation to Los Angeles and several way points will be available to several people after February 1.

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****SPORTS - IN GENERAL****

The A.R.A. executive committee is preparing for its annual election of officers to be held on February 1. Ballots will be mailed out, and all members in good standing shall be eligible to vote. Be sure to cast yours.

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The Clearance Section quintet, slated as the favorites, went down to defeat at the hands of the Cotton Section aggregation in a recent game.

The girls' basketball team representing the Department is receiving widespread recognition in connection with their scheduled game with the Atlantic City Girls Team here on February 1. There will also be a dance and men's team contest held on the same night. The former team is also scheduled for competition with the Frederick, Md. Coca Cola Buddies on Sunday, January 19, at Heurich's Gym. Further details will be forthcoming with regard to scheduled games mentioned above.

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All girls desirous of retaining that "youthful look" by the use of the calisthenic method are urged to join in the reorganization of the exercise class. All routine will be under the direct supervision of a thoroughly trained and competent woman instructor. If you are interested, please send your name, bureau and phone number to Jimmy Hitchens at 908 Independence Ave. Cotton Div. Classes are scheduled to start on January 22 and to continue every Wednesday thereafter.

Fencing classes are also on the ARA program. These are held on Wednesday nights in the Roosevelt Armory under Mr. Nauman's supervision. Also, Mr. J. Mansuy will direct tap and ballroom dance classes on Thursday evenings at the Armory.

A. & R.A. BRIDGE CLUB ANNOUNCES

Ethel E. Terry, Secretary of the A.&R.A. Bridge Club announces that arrangements have been made for the convenience of members of the Club, with a prominent instructor of Contract Bridge to conduct a series of six lessons for beginners; also an advanced course consisting of six lessons. The cost per person for each course will be \$1.50, payable in advance. It is necessary, however, that no less than twenty people be enrolled in each class in order that these rates be obtained.

All members of the Club and any of their friends desiring to join the Club to take advantage of this splendid opportunity to learn contract bridge will please contact immediately the Secretary, Ethel E. Terry, Room 112, Administration Building.

Attention of all members is called to the annual meeting of the Club at 1603 K Street N.W. on January 23. New officers will be installed and the usual refreshments will be served.

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AGRICULTURE LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

Beginning where they left off before the Christmas Holidays, the Agriculture Ladies Bowling League have resumed their "alley" ways during the past week. The standing of the league with the half-way mark in the schedule behind, is as follows:

	WON	LOST	TOTAL PINS
Comptrollers	31	14	19213
Harvesters	29	16	19264
Extension	27	18	19794
Corn & Hog #2	26	19	18868
Livestock	25	20	18607
Biological Survey	21	24	18557
Economics	19	26	19283
Foreign Service	19	26	19137
Corn & Hog #1	18	27	18389
A.A.A.	10	35	17811

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MR. DAVIS IN "THE AMERICAN"*

"Fifty million acres once cultivated in the United States no longer produce crops," says Chester C. Davis, our AAA Administrator, in an article published in the current issue of the American Magazine.

Under the caption, "Lost Acres", Mr. Davis relates in a most interesting manner important data recently compiled by the Soil Conservation Service as a result of a nation-wide survey of lost soil fertility.

The AAA Chief tells how over three billion tons of good American soil are being blown from our fields every year, and that the cost of this erosion to farmers in lost soil fertility alone, is about four hundred million dollars annually.

According to Mr. Davis, over-cropping and over-grazing have retired forcibly from production these millions of acres of our best farm land, land that should have been cropped in rotation with grasses and other soil-building agents.

Be not daunted by the Supreme Court decision, all ye AAA folks; follow the destinies of a few of your Administrator's undertakings:- this article in the American, befits the character of a man who gave all his time and energy in an attempt to rectify that deplorable condition existing in farm homes only three years ago.

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SPECIAL RENT & HOUSING MEETING AND LUNCHEON to be held at 12:00 Noon, on Wednesday, January 29 in Room 6554, South Building. All interested in better housing are invited to attend.

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BASKETBALL CARNIVAL

Auspices A.R.A.

at

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY GYM
21st and H Streets, N.W.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 7:30 P. M.

Admission - 25¢ per person

1st GAME

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE FLASHES
VS.
CENSUS BUREAU

2nd GAME

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE MENS TEAM
VS.
ROCKVILLE A. C.

3rd GAME

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE GIRLS TEAM
VS.
ATLANTIC CITY GIRLS

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NATIONAL SYMPHONY PRESENTS

The two all-Brahms concerts, which the National Symphony Orchestra Assn. has scheduled for February 2 and 3, promises to be one of the most popular, and one of the most important Washington musical events this season.

Advance reservations made already reflect the widespread interest, in and outside of Washington, in these unusual programs.

Myra Hess, England's distinguished pianist, will come to Washington to play a major part in the concerts, and Hans Kindler, conductor of the Orchestra will also appear as Cellist.

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** BIG WELFARE SPECIAL ON FRESH CHICKENS ALL WEEK **

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Joseph D. Cooper....Cartoonist
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Thursday, 12:00 Noon

A.R.A. HOLDS BANQUET

The First Annual Banquet of the Athletic and Recreational Association of the Department of Agriculture will be held at Sholl's Cafe, 1219 - G.St., N.W. All members of the A.R.A. are urged to attend. The dinner will be \$.75 per plate. Please notify Mrs. Ethel E. Terry (Secretary) Room 112, Adm.Bldg. Branch 323, if you intend to be there. Members who do not wish to take dinner may attend the business meeting which will start at 8 P.M.

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COURSE IN FRENCH ECONOMICS

Beginning about February 1, Dr. Walter Bauer will conduct a course in French Economics under the auspices of the Department Graduate School. The course is designed to give the student a reading knowledge of the French language in the field of Economics and to familiarize them with the works of French economists. Those interested in such a course, are urged to communicate with the Graduate School director, Room 4090, South Building.

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HOW ABOUT THAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION
TO JOIN THE A.R.A. IT'S NEVER TOO LATE.
COMMUNICATE WITH MRS.ROMERO, RM. 3531,
SOUTH BUILDING

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DEPT. AMERICAN LEGION POST AND AUXILIARY

A short joint meeting of the Post and its auxiliary was held Saturday night at the Broadmore Apts. featuring refreshments and dancing. A good time was had by all and the question now asked by all is, "When is #36 holding another such affair? The next regular meeting is to be held Friday, Feb. 7th.

The permanent charter of U.S. Dep of Agriculture Unit #36, American Legion Auxiliary was received January 11 and election and installation of officers were held. This Unit will continue their meetings at the War Mothers Home on the fourth Thursday of each month. Persons eligible for membership and wishing to join the auxiliary are urged to contact Edith W.Quinn, Secretary.

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HOUSING PROBLEMS

HOUSES: New 2-bedroom house in Alexandria.

APARTMENTS: 2-room to share on Independence Ave.S.W. for girl-1-room Apt. to share on Mass.Ave. N.E. - 3-room Apt. in private home in Va. new unfurn. oil heat, private entrance.

ROOMS: Single in Apt.in Colonial Village. Transportation can be furnished - double in Apt.for women only on R. St.N.W.

WANTED: Furnished house of 5 or 6 rooms wanted, Maryland preferred.

FOUND: Two small photographs in South Building, Room 1897. Party who left pair of white gold glasses in first floor washroom of South Building, Thurs. Jan.16, communicate with Jos. Sokolin,908 Indep.Ave. Room 403, for return of same.

MISCELLANEOUS: Slightly used brown broadtail fur coat for sale, size 18. See H. Albright for details, Room 1897, South Bldg.

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AGRICULTURE EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION PAYS DIVIDENDS

Members of the Agricultural Employees Credit Union voted at their annual meeting, January 20, to pay a dividend of 6 percent to all shareholders as of record October 15. Dividends will cover the period July 1, 1934 to December 30, 1935. Altogether \$481 will be paid out in dividends to 9,636 shareholders held by about 400 people.

The dividend committee found that the Credit Union had earned sufficient interest during the dividend period to pay this dividend in spite of numerous organization expenses which had to be absorbed.

Twenty-one directors and a supervisory committee of three were elected at the annual meeting. Practically all of the officers elected were incumbents. The Credit Union has 600 members at present who have invested \$17,258.60. The funds are loaned to members, with interest of 1 percent a month on unpaid balances. Further information regarding the Agricultural Employees Credit Union may be secured from G. M. Morrison, Treas. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

A.C.E.

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DON'T FORGET THE Washington Birthday weekend bus excursion scheduled to leave Friday, Feb. 21 at 4:50 P.M. and its many attractive features listed in the Exchange issue of January 27. Also the usual round-trip excursion, leaving at the same time and date, both trips sponsored by the A.R.A.

MEANS FOR PROTECTING THE MERIT SYSTEM will be the subject of talks to be made at a dinner to be held at Wesley Hall, 1703 K St. N.W. Monday, Feb. 17 at 6:45 P.M. by the District Federal of Federal Employees. Tickets are \$1.25.

All Government employees are invited to attend this dinner. Become familiar with legislation beneficial to Government employees now before Congress. The three Civil Service Commissioners, interested in employee legislation, and other notables will be present. There will also be a five-piece orchestra and a quartet. (Informal) Tickets may be secured from A.C. Edwards, B.A.E. Room 3841, So. Bldg. Branch 2117.

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A.R.A. HIGHLIGHTS

AGGIE TEAMS WIN TWO, LOSE ONE IN BASKETBALL CARNIVAL

GIRLS TEAM DEFEATS ATLANTIC CITY
22 - 11

AGGIE FLASHES DEFEAT SOILS CONSERVATION, 27 to 24

AGGIE (VARSITY) LOSES TO JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
IN CLOSE GAME
29 to 24

HOW ABOUT THAT GREAT NEED FOR GYM AND CLUB HOUSE!

HOMER PRYOR ELECTED TO PRESIDENCY OF A.R.A.

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****ATTENTION! STENOGRAPHERS!****

An IN SERVICE TRAINING COURSE in Technical Shorthand Speed Writing will be offered under the auspices of the Graduate School of the Department of Agriculture. Subject matter will be selected and graded from the publications of the various bureaus in which members of the class are employed. The course, in charge of Clara E. Richter, formerly instructor of shorthand, will begin February 25. The fee is \$12 for 15 weeks, 2 hours a week. Classes meet in Room 6866, South Building.

Prerequisite: About 120 words per minute. An entrance test of non-technical nature will be given to each member of the class. If enrollment warrants, organization of a special class for writers of Pitman shorthand, may be effected. Please advise this office at once if you desire to enroll.

A.F. Wood, Director, Grad. School
4090, South Bldg.

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****CORRECTION****

In the Exchange issue of February 2nd, regarding the Department Symphony Concert, the date has been erroneously announced as Tuesday instead of Wednesday, February 12, on which date the Department Orchestra will hold its next concert.

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****HOUSING PROBLEMS****

ROOMS: With and without meals, with or without private bath, breakfasts and transportation optional on Nevada Ave. N.W., Double or single, breakfasts optional in Clarendon, vacancy in 6-room apartment for 1 or 2 girls; full time cook and maid service, splendid meals on Col. Rd. N.W. Room with two beds, private lavatory, boys preferred on McKinley St. N.W. Room and bath for 2 people in private room in Mt. Pleasant, board optional. Double room for 2 men, private shower, on Somerset Pl. N.W., Room adjoining bath for man in Aurora Hills, Va.

APARTMENTS: 3 or 4-room unfurnished available early in March, direct bus service to this Dept., on M St. S.E.

WANTED: Girl to share room on Col. Rd. 3-room apt. unfurn. wanted in nearby Virginia - man between ages of 28 and 35, quiet type, wanted to share room on Q St. N.W., board given. See Miss Albright, Room 1897.

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****WELFARE STORE****

WHIPPING CREAM - 30¢ per quart
TABLE CREAM - 40¢ per quart
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VALENTINE CANDIES

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Prices range from \$.25 to \$2.75.

Also

Fresh Beef, Roast meats and steaks may be had in about a week.

GET YOUR SHARE OF THESE
VALUES NOW

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A.R.A. ACTIVITIES PLANNED

At its regular meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 11, the Executive Council of the Athletic and Recreational Association began making plans for activities for the new year.

Three basketball teams have been entered in the District A.A.U. Championships. These are the unlimited men's team, the 145 pound team, and the girls' team, each of which is expected to give a good account of itself.

Another reception and dance on the order of the one held at the Willard recently is being planned. This ball was a success and numerous requests have been received for another one.

Plans are being made to hold a field day at the Agriculture Experiment Farm at Beltsville early in June. This will be similar to the one held at Marshall Hall Park last year, which was attended by over 1,500 people.

There will be baseball games, softball, archery, dancing, fencing, track and field events, boxing, wrestling, and exhibitions of various other activities sponsored by the Athletic and Recreational Association.

The Beltsville authorities have signified their willingness to cooperate with the ARA in conducting the field day, thus assuring its complete success. The Beltsville Farm is an ideal location for activities of this kind and owing to the proximity everyone in the Department should be able to attend.

Another in the series of popular bus excursions to New York sponsored by the ARA is planned for the Washington Birthday weekend of Feb. 22. Both an all expense tour of the city and the usual round trip will be available. The all expense tour will include a visit to Radio City, Rockefeller Center, a Broadway Nite Club, sightseeing trips, museum visits and many other sights to leisurely pass time away in addition to staying at one of New York's finest hotels. Every room has a bath; every room a radio. Cost of this trip including all features mentioned, will amount to approximately \$15. For information call Mrs. Roby W. Stehr, Branch 526,

LADIES FEDERAL BOWLING LEAGUE

In the Ladies Federal Bowling League, the two Agriculture teams are still holding on to first and second place; the #1 team in first, and the #2 in second. At present they are tied in games won, but the #1 team still has a postponed match to roll off.

Mae Perry, Capt. of #1, continues to keep up her average of 101 and her four team-mates are contributing their support.

Cecil Witacre is the strong arm for the #2 team, carrying an average of 102.

The AAA team which is down the line further has lost a good bowler in Bernice Preble who was put on night work; but Louise Roberts, captain, carrying a 37 average, will try to put in a sub.

MEANS FOR PROTECTING the merit system will be the subject of talks to be made at a dinner to be held at Wesley Hall 1703 - K St., N.W., Monday, Feb. 17, at 6:45 P.M. by the District Federation of Federal Employees. Tickets are \$1.25.

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Mrs. June A. Hodgkins, well known in B.A.E. returned here February 1 with her husband from an extended trip and visit to Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, Switzerland, Spain and France. She will resume her work in the Statistical and Historical Research Division.

Mr. J. L. Koehl, the popular Manager of the Telegraph office was called to his home in Ohio last Wednesday night by the illness of his grandmother.

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Closing date is Thursday noon. Articles
must be signed and it is understood that
the Editors reserve the right to rewrite
or condense articles.

Col. M. C. Rorty, recently deceased,
for many years an executive of A.T.&T.,
is the author of the following rules of
good management. The viewpoint is essen-
tially that of industry but many of the
rules apply equally well in the Govern-
ment.

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF GOOD ORGANIZATION

1. Definite and clean-cut responsibilities
should be assigned to each executive.
2. Responsibilities should always be
coupled with corresponding authority.
3. No change should be made in the scope
or responsibilities of a position
without a definite understanding to
that effect on the part of all persons
concerned.
4. No officer or employee occupying a sin-
gle position in an organization should
be subject to definite orders from
more than one source.
5. Orders should never be given to subor-
dinates over the head of a responsible
officer.
6. Criticisms of subordinates should
whenever possible, be made privately
and in no case should a subordinate be
criticized in the presence of officers
or employees of equal or lower rank.
7. No dispute or difference between of-
ficers or employees as to authority
or responsibilities should be consid-
ered too trivial for prompt and care-
ful adjudication.

8. Promotions, wage changes and discip-
linary action should always be ap-
proved by the officer immediately su-
perior to the one directly responsible.

9. No officer or employee should ever be
required or expected to be at the same
time an assistant to and critic of
another.

10. Any officer whose work is subject to
regular inspection should be given the
assistance and the facilities necessary
to enable him to maintain an independ-
ent check on the quality of his work.

Executive Management and Supervision
is taught in the Graduate School on Mon-
days and Wednesdays at 5:00 P.M. If you
are interested in learning more about
this study see Dr. A. F. Woods, Rm. 4090.

FOOD AND DRUG EXHIBIT

The Department of Agriculture is con-
stantly making important contributions
to the knowledge of a vast range of
topics, probably, none will prove more in-
teresting or of greater immediate value to
D.A. employees than the array of mis-
branded, fraudulent and adulterated food
and drug products displayed on the sec-
ond floor of the South Building by The
Food and Drug Administration. It might
startle some employees to learn how base-
less are the widely advertised claims
made for many articles in common use.
To witness this exhibit may help your
pocketbook in the future, too.

Mr. John E. Dalton, formerly of the
Sugar Section, AAA, visited his former
associates for a few days during the
week of February 9th. Mr. Dalton is now
a member of the faculty of the Business
School of Harvard University.

All contributions and manuscripts for
the handbook of activities being prepared
in Dr. Stockberger's office should be
sent in immediately.

CHORUS TO PRESENT MUSICAL EVENING

Thursday evening, February 20, 8:30 PM the Department of Agriculture Chorus will hold a reception for its patrons, subscribers and friends, and will present an evening of music, at the Patio, Administration Building, Dept. of Agriculture.

The new electric organ, the Orgatron loaned to the Chorus for this occasion by the Homer L. Kitt Company, will be played by Mr. Vincent Ellsworth Slater, organist of the Kitt Company.

The Chorus will sign one group of songs of the Washington period, in honor of the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington, and another group of familiar modern numbers.

An orchestra will furnish music for dancing later in the evening.

Cards of admission may be secured by writing the Department of Agriculture Chorus, Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

ARA - BRIDGE CLUB

The Secretary of the ARA Bridge Club reports that the classes in contract bridge are now well under way. Approximately 85 people are enrolled in these classes.

A progressive game is scheduled for members of the Club and their friends on Thursday, February 27, at 1603 - K St., N.W. at 8:00 P.M. Prizes will be awarded. Those interested in joining the Club should contact Mr. S.T. Hitchcock (Pres.) Bureau of Public Roads, or Ethel E. Terry (Secy), Office of the Secretary.

GRADUATE SCHOOL U.S.D.A.

The LANDSCAPE GARDENING course, under direction of Dr. L. C. Corbett, assisted by Department specialists, will begin March 4 and classes will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays thereafter. The course will cover the general principles of the art and will devote special attention to residential grounds, farmsteads, roadsides and small parks. All interested persons are urged to register promptly in Room 4090. Fee \$12.00.

It is not too late to register for PLANT BIOCHEMISTRY or PLANT BIOPHYSICS, taught by Dr. M. W. Parker and Dr. Glenn A. Greathouse, respectively. Both instructors are members of the University of Maryland Staff. Fee \$12.00 for each course.

SPANISH. A new class will be formed in conversational, as well as scientific and technical Spanish, provided a sufficient number of applications are received. Fee \$12.00 for 30 hours instruction.

ECONOMICS IN FRENCH is just beginning. Will those interested register not later than February 22. Fee \$12.00. This opportunity to work off your language requirement for your degree may not be offered again.

FENCING

The Fencing Club has changed its practice sessions to Monday evenings at 8:30 P.M. at the Roosevelt High School Armory, 13th and Upshur Streets, N. W. The novice class is still open for those who wish to obtain instruction in the art of fencing. For the advanced fencers practice is now under way with the duelling sword. If the demand develops, sabre practice will be instituted. You men who have not fenced for some years and would like to have a work-out in foil or epee are urged to come out on Monday nights! For information see Irven Naiman, Room 2734, South Building, Extension 2887.

WELFARE STORE

SMOKED MEATS

HAM	- 29¢ lb.
SHOULDER	- 19¢ lb.
BACON	- 29¢ lb. (Not sliced)
PURE PORK LARD	in 2-lb. buckets - 25¢

Fresh Meats) Prices will
Beef Roast) be most rea-
Beef Steaks and other Cuts) sonable.

100% PURE MAPLE SYRUP - 12 oz.	28¢
Pint	38¢
Quart	68¢
Gal.	\$2.45

CHOCOLATE CANDIES

Johnston's Assorted Chocolate - 80¢ lb.
85¢ lb. and 2-lbs. - 95¢
PAGE & SHAW 1-lb. Cherries chocolate covered, 39¢. Old fashioned Whipped Creams 25¢ lb. Golden West \$1.00. Crimson \$1.00. Nuts and Fruits \$1.00. 1/2 lb. Thin Mints 25¢.

****FOR SALE ****

1 pr. baseball shoes, size 8-1/2. - \$3.00
 Outfielder's Glove - \$3.50
 These articles are practically new, having only been used once. Elsie Romero, Room 3531, South Building.

Mr. A. J. Pieters is desirous of selling his home at Tacoma Park, Maryland, including nearly a half acre of ground and a -room house. Anyone interested should communicate with Mr. Pieters, Branch 2010, to make arrangements for inspection.

FLASH

The Agriculture Girls' Basketball Team won its fifth straight victory in the Community League by defeating the Mt. Vernon Girls by a score of 25 to 17 last week. Watson and Albaugh, forwards, starred for the Aggies. *****

COOPERATIVE FURNITURE PURCHASE

By grouping together for collective bargaining, employees of the Department may obtain savings amounting to 25 to 35 percent on all kinds of furniture. Of course the more who take an interest in the plan and indicate intentions to buy, the larger the discount that can be obtained. There is no obligation, but answer this ad now if you are seriously considering the purchase of any kind of furniture this spring. Standard makes of electric refrigerators, stoves, mattresses and good grades of furniture of all kinds will be available at attractive discounts. A prompt application is necessary. Purchases can be made immediately or at your convenience. Mail the enclosed coupon or send the following information to:

Miss Helen M. Albright, 1897 South Bldg. *

Name *

Bureau *

What kinds of furniture *

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How much do you plan to spend? *

How soon? *

****HOUSING PROBLEMS****

ROOMS: Double, with twin beds on Belmont N.W.---Double, twin beds, prefer men, on Adams St., N.W.---Double, room near bath, also single room, on N.Jackson St., Clarendon, Va.---Large bed-living room for couple or men only, on Harvard St., N.W.---Double and single rooms on Holmead Pl.N.W.---Double room, 1/2 block from bus on Lee Highway in Lee Heights, Va.; breakfasts optional.

APARTMENTS: 2-room, kitchen apt. in house, on V St., N.W. unfurnished--2-room, hall, kitchen, bath apt., furnished, available for 3 or 4 months to two adults, located on Lanier Pl.N.W.--3 or 4-room unfurnished apartment, M St. S.E., direct 25 minute bus trip to Agriculture; reasonable, excellent summer location, available early in March, rent \$35 or \$40 a month.

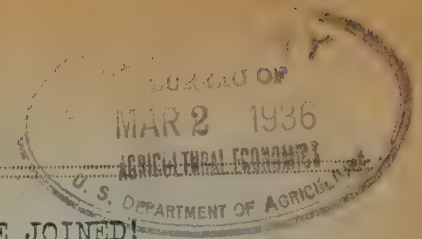
WANTED: Lady wants transportation in car coming to South Building in mornings from about two miles this side of Falls Church---Kelvinator refrigerator for sale \$15; was used with motor in basement but can be installed in the box. Seen by appointment---Gentleman wants 1-room, kitchen apt. in nearby N.W. Section--Overstuffed tapestry chair for sale \$20. *****

****BOWLING****

The AAA Day shift Bowling League has gotten away to an auspicious start. Their games are played on Saturday afternoons at the Lucky Strike Alleys. The League standing as of February 8 is indicated below:

TEAMS	WON-LOST		TOTAL PINS
Cotton Option	4	2	3178
Machine	4	2	3044
Disbursing	4	2	2963
Lodge 116	3	3	3196
C-P-C	3	3	3180
Audit	3	3	2994
Corn & Hog	2	4	2980
Cotton	1	5	2986

Team prizes amounting to \$228 and individual prizes amounting to \$60 will be given. Keen rivalry has already developed for these prizes and competition is waxing hot.



****ARA DOINGS****

The new year activities of the ARA are now in full swing, with the training and preparation of the various groups bearing fruit in the form of the many victories accredited to these teams. The men's class "A" basketball team leads the rest in athletic prominence. Last week saw them as the victors in their first game in the AAU tournament, in which they shall be obliged to compete with the crack teams of the District. Their most recent game was recorded in their favor and Keller's colts were their victims by the very convincing score of 54-20.

The girls' basketball team entered in the community league proved themselves as being no pushover recently, when a victory over the National Christian Church quintet moved them into a three way tie for the coveted position of first place. The girls' games are staged in Heurich's gymnasium.

Mentioned quite enthusiastically among the other spring season activities, which are already being planned by the ARA, is the proposal for a girls' softball league to emulate the men's division which met with such overwhelming approval last year.

HOME ECONOMICS

The Bureau of Home Economics suggests the following "Family Food Guide to Low Cost Balanced Diet".

EVERY DAY TWO TO FOUR TIMES WEEKLY

Cereal	Tomatoes for all
Potatoes	Dried beans
Tomatoes(or oranges)	Peas or peanuts
Green or yellow veg.	Eggs
Fruit	Lean meat, fish,
Milk for all	or poultry, or
Additional	cheese.
Vegetable	

BUILDINGS TO BE JOINED!

Closer contact between the Administration and South Buildings is rapidly being brought about with the work on two new connecting bridges getting well under way. Engineers have already erected a huge hoisting apparatus on the West-end to fit the cumbersome framework in place. These arches will connect on the third floor and will be supplemented by an underground tunnel. Completion of both projects is expected by the first of August and will greatly facilitate communication between the two buildings.

WAYS OF SECURING personnel and the nomination of officers for the coming year will be the principal items of business at the regular meeting of Agriculture Branch, National Federation of Federal Employees, Union No. 2, to be held on Wednesday, February 26, at 8 P.M. According to Mr. A. E. Edwards, President, the meeting is to be held at 710-14 St. N.W. and all Agriculture employees are invited to attend and to present any suggestions or problems that they may have to offer.

Word comes from the office of Personnel that the deadline on the activities handbook, now being prepared, is drawing near. Contributions on any welfare or employee activities are desired. These should be sent to Dr. Stockberger's office in room 212, Administration Building.

****LECTURE AT SMITHSONIAN****

Dr. Earl S. Johnson, Assistant Director, Division of Radiation and Organisms, Smithsonian Institute, will deliver the fifth Arthur Lecture on Tuesday evening, Feb. 25, at 8:15 o'clock in the auditorium of the Natural History Building, 10th St. and Constitution Ave. Dr. Johnson's subject will be "Sun Rays and Plant Life."

We are glad to note that Mrs. E. B. Scruges is back at her desk in Central Accounts after a brief illness.

****HOUSING PROBLEMS****

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EDITOR'S NOTE !

The Exchange is issued for your benefit and it is the intention of the staff to have its readers enjoy its publication to the utmost.

We are endeavoring to bring about an issue that will be of interest to all employees of the Department, and this can be accomplished only with your co-operation.

Any suggestions of material that you think may be beneficial to the Exchange will be greatly appreciated if sent to the Editor, room 104, Administration Building. *****

In response to numerous requests, the officers of the Welfare Association are listed below:

President ----- Albert M. Fay
Vice Pres.-----Mrs. Edith G. Pipes
Secretary----- Miss Carrie M. Davis
Treasurer----- W. A. Almond

Board of Directors:

Mrs. Daisy Murphy

Mr. Joseph Haley - Mr. Harry Irion
Mr. J. W. McKericker - Mr. G.W. Morrison

WANTED !

Needy family is desirous of obtaining any clothing to fit a sixteen year old girl or ten year old boy. The girl is of slender build and the boy is a good size for his age. If you can help these less fortunate people, please do so by sending any used clothing corresponding with the above description to Miss Albright, Welfare Worker, Room 1897, South Building.

ROOMS: Single for young lady, located in Mt. Rainier, Room with twin beds in apartment for rent to two girls, breakfast optional. On Columbia Rd. Double room for lady in Iowa Apts. Single and double rooms with twin beds, situated on Ogden St. N.W. Mt. Rainier--Single or double room for two girls.

APARTMENTS: 2 rooms, kitchen and private bath to share with young lady on 12 St. N. W.

WANTED: Girl, to share apartment 2 rooms, kitchen, and bath, on O St. N. W., with two other girls.

Young man desires room with priv. bath. Vicinity Union Station.

ROOM AND BOARD: moderately priced.
1 large front room - twin beds.
1 single room; nicely furnished;
all home privileges. Convenient to 14th St. car line and 16th St. bus; gentlemen preferred. For further particulars call Columbia 6814.

It is rather surprising to note the number of people employed in the South Building who do not know of the pleasing sight that exists in the patio of the Administration Building.

In the center of the court there is a large granite fish pond that is occupied by goldfish of all shapes and sizes.

The outside of this tank is surrounded by neat semi-circular garden boxes arranged in a series. These boxes usually contain an everchanging variety of flowers, the species of which are tributary to the current season, as for example, during the Easter season the Easter lily holds sway, while at Christmas time the Poinsettia is in evidence, presenting a spectacle that remains untiring even to those visiting there daily.

****BETTER HOUSING SERVICE****

LEGION NOTES

In order to make better use of the Rental Information Service of the Department Employees' Housing Committee and to make it more effective for new people as well as present employees in securing desirable living quarters, everyone who desires to use the service is asked to notify your bureau housing representative or Helen Albright Winfree, Br. 579, Rm. 1897, South Building.

1. If you are moving send in a description of the quarters to be vacant.
2. If you want quarters send in the type of quarters desired.
3. If you have decided on an apartment listed by the Rental Service, be sure to notify Mrs. Winfree.
4. If you have a place to rent listed in the service, be sure that notice is sent as soon as the place is taken.

If everyone using the service will do these things, it may save some embarrassment and will help keep the service efficient, by keeping all records up to date.

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ORIGIN OF THE CHAIN ENVELOPE

The chain envelope, now widely in use by the various government agencies, owes its discovery and inception into inter-office circles to Mr. A. Zappone, formerly disbursing clerk of the Agriculture Department.

Mr. Zappone was continuously observing the irregularity in addressing envelopes that had come to his attention, and after being used a few times at the most they had to be discarded. Being very conservative, Mr. Zappone decided that there must be some means by which this needless waste could be stopped, so after a few considerations he hit upon the idea that was the forerunner of the present chain envelope with its provision for use twenty-four times. This idea met with instant and widespread approval, and as a result today it is found in use in practically every government bureau.

Post 36 held their regular meeting in the new Colonial Hotel on Feb. 7 and reports that the different issues discussed at that time were received with favor. Department commander Joseph Malloy presented the post with two cups for having obtained the highest number of new memberships in the recent drive. The permanent charter of the organization and a special citation denoting the rapid strides which the group is making were also received.

A report on the presentation of the Legion school award to the outstanding boy and girl of the Jefferson Jr. H. S. was made by the Americanization officer. Plans are being made for the first annual dance of the post and every buddy's help is needed. Meetings are held on the first and third Fridays of the month. Show your interest by attending these meetings.

**** WELFARE STORE ****

Beltsville Specials

Fresh beef is now available in all cuts of steaks and stew meats at an unusually low scale of prices.

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HAMS - - - - - 24¢ lb.
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ARA BRIDGE CLUB

The winners of the Duplicate game held Saturday, Feb. 15, at 1603 K Street, N.W., were as follows: North and South - Mr. S. T. Hitchcock and Miss Margaret Pickett. East and West - Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Goudzward. The next game will be progressive and will be held Thursday, Feb. 27

CHORUS RECEIVES PATRONS

The patio of the Administration Building of the U. S. Department of Agriculture was the scene of melody and gaiety last Thursday night. The occasion was a reception by the Chorus of the Department for its patrons, subscribers, and friends.

The first part of the program was devoted to the singing of patriotic gems of the time of George Washington, in honor of the anniversary of his birthday, as follows:

"The Toast" Hopkinson
"Largo" Handel
"Yankee Doodle" Anonymous
"God Save America" Carey
Chorus

"Mount Vernon Bells" Foster
Quartet

In the second part of the program, the chorus lent warmth and color in "Oh, Lovely Night", by Offenbach-Spicker, and "Morning", by Speaks. The sopranos and altos rendered "Star of Me", by Rogers.

"Sylvia", by Speaks, was done by the men, with the beautiful accompaniment of Miss Marie Martell's rich soprano voice.

The Orgatron, played by Mr. Vincent Ellsworth Slater, organist of the Kitt Company, was thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Slater played the familiar favorites, "To a Wild Rose", by McDowell, "The Rosary", by Nevin, and "When I Grow Too Old to Dream", by Romberg.

After the program, dancing was enjoyed. The music was furnished by Otto Rauchswalbe and his orchestra, an employee of the Department of Agriculture.

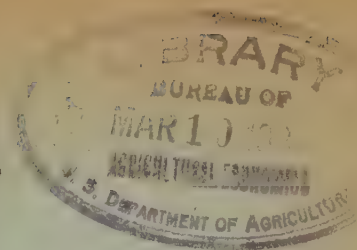
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EXCHANGE

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The columns of a Washington daily reveal the following amusing incident which occurred within our own Department. One sweltering day, late in June, a well dressed, middle-aged man sauntered up to the information desk in the lobby of Administration Building and inquired of Mrs. Stehr where he might see anything that would appeal to a visitor in the Capitol city.

Mrs. Stehr obligingly set about satisfying his curiosity and her first suggestion was that he go up to the second floor stairway and observe Gilbert White's 40-foot mural. Accustomed to such inquiries, Mrs. Stehr had forgotten about her latest patron who was well on his way, so she thought, when the telephone rang, and the caller was a clerk in the Bureau of Animal Industry. In a rather puzzled voice he inquired somewhat indignantly, "Who sent this man up here looking for a 40-foot mule?"

The ARA Chess Club announces that the first Thursday of each month will be devoted entirely to the interests of beginners and players of limited experience. Persons desirous of improving their skill as chess players are urged to attend any of the Thursday evenings in Room 2349, South Building, from 7:30 to 11:00. Membership in the club is open to all men and women employees of the Department. If you plan to attend these meetings, please bring your boards and men.

From the regular tournament of experienced players comes news of a dramatic "free for all" with six contestants bidding for first honors.

Mrs. Zula F. Pence, Div. of Lands, Forest Service, was late in reporting for work on February 14 but it was through no

fault of her own. Deliberately, family members and friends had caused several delays in Mrs. Pence's early morning routine in order to arrange a surprise in honor of her 30 years of faithful service in the government employ. Upon arriving at work, quite unsuspecting, she was greeted by a gift and flower-laden desk and the hearty congratulations of her co-workers.

Mrs. Pence relates her story thus: "I came to Washington from Livingston, Alabama, in 1906 and reported to work on February 13 but after I had taken the oath of office, the receiving officer told me to go home and call it a day. So I really began work on the 14th."

RIDING CLUB TO REORGANIZE

The riding club, which was formerly conducted under the capable leadership of Miss Alice Price, who resigned recently, is seeking to reorganize. With the consistent cold weather prevailing this winter, the activity and organization have been at a standstill and the loss of leadership was keenly felt among the novices. It is known that riding is a popular sport with Department employees and it should not be difficult to obtain new members and a new leader. If you are interested in joining the group, please attend the meeting to be held on March 11 at 4:45 in Room 4552, South Building. Mrs. Amelia Boberg will be in charge.

The editorial board of the Agriculture Exchange is desirous of obtaining available copies of Vol. II, No. 16, of the Agriculture Exchange. Please send them to Room 104, Administration Building.

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lication is drawing near. Forward in-
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****JOIN THE STAFF OF THE EXCHANGE****

It has been said of success that it is
75 percent luck and 25 percent ability.
Whatever you may call it - breaks, op-
portunity or luck - most successes are
indebted in a large degree to fortuitous
circumstances. However, some people do
make their own "breaks". In the govern-
ment service, one of the short-cuts to
success is to attract the attention of
persons holding prominent positions and
thus secure their sponsorship.

The Exchange is a medium whereby em-
ployees, otherwise practically devoid of
opportunity, can gain recognition. The
opportunity for proof of ability to do
better work may not come for years in an
official capacity but on the staff of the
Exchange, now in its infancy, lies just
such an opportunity. There are openings
on the staff for writers, editors,
typists and stencil cutters. If you are
interested send your name to the Editor,
Agriculture Exchange, Room 104, Adminis-
tration Building, c/o Division of Opera-
tions. Be sure to give your Bureau and
telephone number.

Your reporter was told by a stenograph-
er that she was sorry that she ever gave
up music as a child since she was too old
to learn now. This opinion seems to be

general. However, Dr. E. L. Thorndike,
noted psychologist, relates in an
interview published in "Today": "Nobody
should restrain himself from trying to
learn anything new because of a belief or
fear that he is too old to be able to
learn it. Nor should he use that fear as
an excuse for not learning anything he
ought to learn. If he fails in learning
it, inability due directly to age will
very rarely, if ever, be the reason."

****LEGION NOTES****

Legion Post 36 held their regular
meeting on February 21 with a large num-
ber of Legionnaires in attendance. Among
the different issues discussed was the
report of the Post adjutant, appealing
for support at the next meeting to be
held on March 6, and urging members to
bring any up-to-date magazines that they
may have in the discard. These are to
be used by disabled veterans in the
various hospitals. It was also reported
from Department quarters that a notable
attendance from Post 36 was in evidence
at the recent Legion Ball held in the
Mayflower Hotel.

****LOSE THE DAY LOITERING****

Lose the day loitering, 'twill be
the same story.
Tomorrow, and the next more dilatory;
For indecision brings its own delays
And days are lost lamenting o'er lost
days.
Are you in earnest? Seize this minute;
What you can do or think you can do
begin it!
Only engage and the mind grows heated;
Begin it, and the work will be completed.
(Goethe)

****GRADUATE SCHOOL****

LANDSCAPE GARDENING course begins Mar. 4.
This course is designed for practical use
and lectures will be delivered by the most
prominent authorities in their respective
fields. Fee - \$12.00.

ELEMENTS OF PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION is
scheduled to begin April 3. Fee - \$5.00.

****STENOGRAPHY****

bus to Agriculture; available after March 15; fine location and grounds.

WANTED: 1 room, kitchen and bath apt. and girl willing to share it with lady employed in Department.

FOR SALE: Two choice lots situated at Woodland Beach.

For particulars please see Miss Albright in Room 1897, South Building.

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****HOUSING PROBLEMS****

ROOMS: Desirable double and single rooms are available, located on Lee Highway in Clarendon, Va. Room and board with private family is the issue on Sherrier Pl. N.W. There is a first floor room with adjoining bath to be had in Oak Crest, Va. On Vermont Ave. N.W. there is a double and single for men only. Also for a man is a single room on 12th St., N.E. and a double and single in the N.W. section on Wisconsin Avenue. An unusual offer to be made sometime soon is a Bachelor Apartment on 16th St. N.W. This is unfurnished and is comprised of 1 room and bath. Room and garage for rent in two houses in a fine location in Southeast. Apartment for rent unfurnished; direct

ARA BRIDGE CLUB

Is anyone interested in taking lessons in contract bridge from an excellent instructor, at a very reasonable rate? Lessons are open to members of the ARA Bridge Club at the special rate of \$1.50 for 6, and each member has the privilege of bringing a guest from outside the Department at the rate of \$1.50. The next class will start on or about March 20. For registration contact the Secretary, Ethel E. Terry, Rm. 112, Administration Building.

Duplicate games have been scheduled for Saturday, March 14 and March 28, at 1603 K Street, N.W. Come and bring a partner!

The winners of the Progressive game February 27 were:

First prize...Miss Elizabeth Donahoe (Public Roads); Second, Miss Sara Purington, guest of Miss Trumbull, AAA.

****SPORTS****

Holding the spotlight position in the ARA basketball group is the scheduled playoff between the winners of both halves in the men's Division. Likely contestants for first honors are Marketing, Cotton Option, Clearance, Chemistry, Cotton Division, and last but not least, of course, the Secretary's Files aggregation.

In the AAU games, the rugged Aggie Big-Five got off to a flying start with a first victory, but lost a hard fought and close second game to the Y.M.C.A. quintet by the disappointing score of 33 to 32. In connection with these representatives of Agriculture, and their fine showing, it seems fitting to commend the good work of George Hudson who was instrumental in the entering of a team in the AAU games.

The 145 lb. Aggie Flashes' team has its only game played labeled as a victory. This team is reported as being exceedingly fast and is expected to accomplish a great deal in its class.

Taking a look at the fine showing made by our feminine players, it is not hard to realize the fine reputation that is being built up in local sports circles by our representatives.

We are sorry to hear that the Agriculture girls' team in the AAU games has been seriously hampered by sickness and injuries. This was especially evident in their first game in the tournament which they lost to the "Typewriters".

In the Community League the Agriculture girls are tied for first place with four games won and no losses. This team has been consistent in the tight places and now comes out with the announcement that they will journey to Atlantic City on March 7 for a game with the Burhard girls, whom they defeated last January by the score of 22 to 11.

Switching over to the interests of soft-ball fans we find great preparations being made by ARA for the coming season. Included in these plans is a new system

whereby any player proving his ability will be eligible for a berth on the crack Aggie team, which last year competed with the strongest teams in the country. The team will be entered in the Government League this coming season.

The Department of Agriculture has entered a team in the Government League and is counting on having strong representation because of the combination of the AAA team, last year's winner in the Herald-Government League, with the regular Department's baseball team.

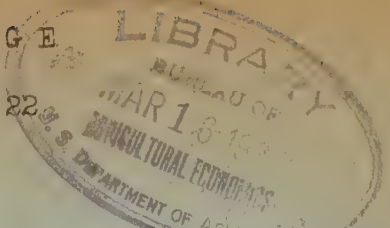
It is expected there will be 8 teams in the Government League numbering some of the strongest teams in the city and lots of good healthy competition is expected for the Departmental team. Manager Pryor expects to put out a strong combination with the addition of the members of the AAA team. Practice will begin just as soon as weather permits.

Anybody else in the Department of Agriculture wishing to try out for the team is requested to submit their names to Mr. Pryor. There is no reason why Agriculture should not have a winning baseball team with all the material in the Department and the AAA available.

Spring workouts for the track team will begin shortly as the team is entered in several spring meets. Observers feel confident that this branch of the ARA will make a fine showing and the daily workouts of John Sanders, AAA Cotton Section, and Arnold Preheim go far in strengthening this belief. These stars are also training hard for the big events found in the Penn Relays, the Princeton Invitation Meet, and the U. S. Olympic tryouts.

Congratulations are in order for Ralph "Shag" Shaughnessey, Cotton Division, and former star full-back for the Catholic University eleven. "Shag" was married last week and is due back from a honeymoon trip any day now.

Join in the activities of the ARA and lose that "swivel chair slouch"!!



HOUSING PROBLEMS

ROOMS:

Room in private home with garage space available, in Clarendon, Va.

Choice room for quiet gentleman on Broad Branch Road, Forest Hills - car necessary.

Alexandria, Va. offers a single room with private bath.

On Fairmont St., N. W., there is a double room, with twin beds, to let with board optional.

Two communicating rooms, living and bed room with twin beds, and also garage space, on 37th St., N. W.

Board and room to share with young lady on 16th St., N. W.

Single or double room for 1 or 2 persons with breakfast optional, use of piano, for girls only - good bus service.

Euclid St., N. W. - 2 furnished rooms and bath, entire floor - for men only.

Independence Ave., S. W. - large double room for 2 men, twin beds, board.

17th St. N. W. - large combined bed-living room, furnished, for girl.

APARTMENTS:

Delaware Ave., S. W. - furnished, 1 room, kitchen; electric refrigeration-6 months rental.

F. St., N. W. - fourth floor, unfurnished, 3 rooms, kitchen and bath.

Mt. Rainier, Md. - furnished, 2 rooms and kitchen apartment.

7th St., S. W. - furnished, 2 rooms - for employed couple.

HOUSES:

Via Mt. Vernon Highway - new 5-room house for rent, unfurnished - on Potomac. No children. Rent \$60 mo. for 10 months - less by the year.

Lyon Park, Va. - new brick house for sale, and 26,000 square feet of land in 5 choice lots; and older frame house with all conveniences.

LARGE DISCOUNT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES ON MOST OF THEIR PURCHASES THROUGH PLAN OF A. R. A.

How would you like to make substantial savings on your fuel, food, milk and cream, gas, oil, laundry, and even 11 to 15 percent on the purchase of a new car - yes, with the regular allowance on your old car? Sample savings included among the many things you purchase are: furniture up to 50% - tires up to 30% - radios, 25% to 35%. The Athletic and Recreational Association is now offering membership in an established collective buying organization which has contact with the many wholesalers in the city at a saving of 25% of the regular membership fee. Five thousand people now in the Government service are reported to be already using this service with satisfaction. Over 100 retail stores are already affiliated. Please watch the next issue for a complete detailed announcement of the plan, which will include a list of the merchandise and discounts, tell how you can become a member, and the many benefits of the plan.

WANTED

Young man is desirous of obtaining a set of used bar-bells, reasonable.... Ping-pong table, folding, regulation, by lady in Department.... Lady wishes to buy set of used golf clubs.... Wants young lady to share 2-room apartment with 3 girls, reasonable.... Want 6-room house by April 1 to rent unfurnished, in Cleveland Park preferably.... Wants to sell lot, 75 x 141½, between Lyon Park and Ashton Heights, Va.... Studio couch, rust color, for sale - \$10.... If interested in buying a new G. E. sweeper, see me, as we are trying to arrange pool-purchase for same.... Red maple twin-bed suite for sale - \$95 - new.... Accurate typist wishes manuscripts or thesis for outside work.

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I wonder how many employees have
calculated their hourly wage? Many
would be surprised to learn that even
a \$1,080 salary means 61¢ an hour for
the actual time worked; a \$1,620 salary
works out at 92¢ an hour; and a \$2,000
salary at \$1.13 an hour.

How do we figure this out? There
are 365 days in a year, from which the
following days are deducted: 52 Sun-
days, 7 holidays, 26 days vacation, 22
days for Saturday half holidays, 5 days
for average sick leave, and 1 day for
half-day holidays. If these deductions
are correct, this leaves 252 days. Mul-
tiply by 7 and you get 1,764 hours for
the average time worked.

The following table is the hourly
earnings at certain specified salaries:

Salary	Hourly Wage	Salary	Hourly Wage
\$1,080	\$0.61	\$2,600	\$1.47
1,260	0.71	3,200	1.81
1,440	0.82	3,800	2.15
1,620	0.92	4,600	2.61
1,680	0.95	5,600	3.18
1,740	0.99	6,500	3.69
1,800	1.02	8,000	4.54
1,860	1.05	9,000	5.10
2,000	1.13	10,000	5.67

Don't it almost make you afraid to
powder your nose or light a cigarette?
Next time you envy the craftsman with
his \$1.00 to \$1.50 an hour, or com-
plain about the plumber's bill, remem-
ber that they are not employed steadily
and have a tough job too.

LEGION NOTES

Agriculture Post, American Legion,
reports that a highly successful and
equally interesting meeting was held
on Friday March 6th. The meeting was
conducted by member-employees of the
Bureau of Dairy Industry, and speakers
from several divisions of that Bureau
explained the work of that organiza-
tion.

It is planned to hold a series of
meetings of which each meeting will be
featured by a talk by a Legionnaire em-
ployee of a different Bureau, thus ac-
quainting members of the Post with the
work that is being carried on by other
Bureaus than their own.

It has been requested that the wives,
mothers, sisters, and daughters of all
Post members file membership applica-
tions with Mrs. Agnes Hazard, Room 5630
South Building.

HOME ECONOMICS

The BHE 2-star diet advises the
division of your food dollar in the
following manner:

25 cents - milk and cheese
25 cents - vegetables and fruit
15 cents - eggs, meat, fish
20 cents - flour, wheat, rice,
other grain foods
15 cents - butter, lard, other
fats, sugar, molasses,
salt, coffee, etc.

ARA BRIDGE CLUB

Ethel E. Terry, secretary of the ARA
Bridge Club, reports that the recently
established classes for beginners has
been a tremendous success, and has ex-
ceeded the highest anticipations in
its call for new members. Mrs. Terry
also announces a duplicate bridge game
to be held on Saturday, March 14, at
1630 K St., N. W. Attend this affair
and bring a partner!

CAMERA CLUB

The Washington Photographic Society with whom the U. S. D. A. Camera Club is now united, will meet on Wednesday evening, March 11, at 8:00 in the Central High School, 13th & Clifton Sts., N.W. The principal issue will be a talk by David B. Edmonston, local professional photographer of note. Mr. Edmonston's articles on Composition and Print Criticism are familiar to camera fans throughout the U. S., appearing in such magazines as the Camera and other publications devoted to their interests.

The Employees' Housing Committee would appreciate the assistance of one or two stenographers and typists to help them for a Saturday afternoon or evening. The Committee is planning an extensive reference file on building materials and equipment for the benefit of those who are planning to build or buy houses, and some temporary assistance is needed in obtaining and preparing this file. If you are interested and wish to help the Committee with your time, please leave your name and address with Mrs. Winfree, Room 1897.

Agriculture Employees who went on the last chartered bus excursion to New York City are invited to be the guests of the ARA Bus Service on a trip to Annapolis. There will be no charge whatsoever for transportation, but a hat will be passed for the benefit of the driver. No definite date has yet been set for the trip. A limited number of persons will be invited. Those interested should write to Joseph D. Cooper, 1614 P St., N.W., giving name, bureau, and office number. Please do not telephone Mr. Cooper at his office or at his residence.

WELFARE STORE SPECIALS

Fresh Meats

Beef:	lb.
Round Steak	25¢
Sirloin Steak	30¢
Porterhouse Steak	33¢
Stew Beef	08¢
Plate Beef	10¢
Chuck Roast	16¢
Rump Roast	17¢
Soup Bones	09¢
Lamb:	
Shoulder Roast	16¢
Breasts	09¢
Leg O' Lamb	21¢
Rib Chops	30¢
Loin Chops	33¢
Necks	07¢
Pork:	
Rib Chops - Very reasonable price	
Loin Roasts - " " "	

Chocolate Candies in 1-pound boxes at bargain prices.

HANDBOOK OF ACTIVITIES

As the deadline on the directory of employee welfare activities draws near, it is noted that there have been no contributions from any of the officers of the various employee unions, dramatics, hiking, golf, fishing, archery, boating, and vacation service.

Dr. Stockberger, Director of Personnel, is anxious to hear about the present status of all employee activities in the Department. A statement of the work done, the officers, and time of meetings is desired. If any groups have lapsed, a statement to that effect would be appreciated. Address Dr. W.W. Stockberger, Director of Personnel, Room 212, Administration Building.

Miss Rita McAndrews, formerly of the Secretary's File Room, has been transferred to the Soil Conservation Service.

SPORTS

The AAA Clearance Unit Basket Ball Team is reported as being a very busy outfit these days. At present they are competing in the ARA Inter-Bureau League, Community Center League and the AAU Tournament. They are in first place in the ARA group, occupying second place in the Community League, and have won their only game played in the AAU 145-pound class.

A Round Robin to decide the winner of the ARA Basketball League will be started next week. Clearance, Cotton Marketing, Cotton Option, and Soils are the four teams which will comprise this event.

The girls' basketball team scheduled to travel to Atlantic City, N.J., to play the Burhard girls, whom they defeated last January, is composed of the following players: Charlotte Wade, Frances Winter, Catherine Shea, Betty Albaugh, Charlotte Reidel, Marge Watson, Jane Joubert, Hylma Mays, and Becky Blackman. They will be accompanied by Jimmy Hitchens.

Softball plans for the coming season are getting rapidly under way. These call for three Inter-Bureau leagues for the men and one for the girls, and is also to have a Department representative of each sex. Any Bureau wishing to enter a team, please include the name of Bureau, manager of team, and the hour that they wish to play. Of these there is a choice of three.- 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. Send the above requirements to Jimmy Hitchens, Cotton Division, Room 104, 908 Independence Ave., S.W.

The Department baseball nine is scheduled to compete in the Government league this season. Employees of any of the Bureaus connected with the Department and of the AAA will be eligible for a tryout. Homer E. Pryor, who managed last year's nine will again be in charge. If you are desirous of obtaining a tryout with this group, please call Mr. Pryor on Branch 2520, regarding practice sessions.

The ARA has received numerous requests to organize a handball group. At present the officers in charge are trying to find a suitable location where this fine conditioning exercise may be practiced. Providing that a suitable court is located, those sending in their names will be notified by the ARA.

In the Ladies' Federal Bowling League, the three Agriculture teams are right up in first place. Agriculture's No. 1 and 2 teams have been tied for first place now for the past 2 weeks, and an interesting match is expected when they meet next Thursday night. The AAA team holds third place, just three games behind, after successfully defeating their opponents of last week, by a score of 3 to 0. The Resettlement team, which has been clinging to the cellar position for a lengthy period, defeated the strong Treasury team last week, 3 - 0.

The ARA officers are ready to co-operate and assist in organizing any sport for which there is a reasonable demand. The Association also extends an invitation to employees of the Farm Credit Administration, Soil Conservation Service, Resettlement Administration, and other associated Bureaus, to join and participate in their activities.

Attesting to the accomplishments of Agriculture employees in local sporting circles, there is a huge trophy-laden cabinet standing in the inside lobby of the Administration Building. This is situated in an appropriate position at the foot of the stairway, where visitors from other Government Agencies may view its prized testimony with envy.

FLASH !!!!!

The Agriculture girls' basketball team journeyed over to Annapolis, Md., late last week and defeated Co. "M" girls' quintet by the very convincing score of 29 to 18.

RIDING CLUB

An organization meeting of the A.R.A. Riding Club was held last week in Room 4552 South Bldg., with a large number in attendance. Mrs. Roby Stehr was elected president of the group and Carl Gregoire was instituted as secretary. Dues in the club are but fifty cents a year and reduced rates are obtained from a leading local stable as well as from a Maryland establishment. As evidenced by the last meeting, a genial and cooperative group should not be difficult to form. If you are a riding fan, it would be well worth the time to attend the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 18, in Room 0051 South Building at 4:45 p.m., or for any other information, call Mrs. Stehr on Extension 523.

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The Department of Agriculture Chorus, Robert Frederick Freund, Director, will present a program of Irish songs in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, on Tuesday, March 17, at 8:30 p. m., in the Department of Agriculture Auditorium.

Cards of admission may be obtained by writing the Director, Department of Agriculture Chorus, Room 1613 South Bldg., A.A.A.

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BRIDGE CLUB

Ethel E. Terry, secretary of the A.R.A. bridge unit, reports that due to the large number of responses in the initial instruction class, there will be an additional class begun soon to supplement it. Sessions will begin as soon as sufficient members are obtained. This is a fine opportunity for those who wish to learn the game or improve their skill at a low cost. If you are interested, please communicate with Mrs. Terry, Sec'y., Room 112 Adm. Bldg.

NOISE!

If you work in the 1st or 4th wing South Bldg., you probably find that the noise arising from construction work now going on hampers your phone conversations. To remedy this, try holding your hand over the mouthpiece while the other person is talking. This usually alleviates any difficulty encountered.

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BEWILDERED!

Some time ago a newly employed messenger was received by an office in the Administration Bldg. He had been there but a short time when a call number dropped down on his annunciator, and after searching the corresponding identifying card he proceeded to the party who requested his services. It so happened that the official desired the personnel "jacket" of a certain individual employed in that Bureau, and requested the newcomer to procure "Mr. Jones' jacket". Striving to observe all the rules of efficiency, he asked no questions and set out to perform his appointed task without delay. However, he was gone but several minutes when he returned rather hopeless and informed his superior that he regretted the fact that he was not acquainted with Mr. Jones, and therefore did not have the least idea of the nature of Mr. Jones' habiliment.

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HORSE-SHOE PITCHING

It is hoped that quoits enthusiasts will make an early start in forming teams to pitch this season. The Park Service has given authority to play at the east end of the Administration Building. Address -
Activities Editor,
Room 104, Administration Bldg.

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or condense articles.

A movie of a person going to a bank
on pay day would not be interesting!
In fact, such a picture would not pass
censure if pay day fell on Saturday.
However, the trouble seems to be not
so much due to the large number of
people who wish to deposit or cash
their checks, but because of "repeaters".

"Repeaters" are those persons who
cash more than one check. It is an
imposition to expect people to stand
patiently in line while some person
transacts the banking business of 10
or 20 others. The apparent solution
is to have a separate window for all
persons who have more than two checks
to deposit. The editors will welcome
comments on this problem.

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SENSATIONS!

The first time that I ever rode in
an airplane I felt a sensation as if I
were hanging in the air by some unseen
sky hook and violating every law of
gravity that ever existed. This is
practically the same sensation that
all of us experience on our first
flight, the cause of which lies in the
fact that while on terra firma we have
become accustomed to gauging our speed
by stationary objects that pass us ac-
cording to the consistency of our speed.

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THE A.R.A.

To those who are interested in
joining the A.R.A., you may do so for
the small fee of 25¢ a year as dues.
For membership cards, please write Miss
Elsie Romero, BAE, Room 3531 South.

LEGION NOTES

The next meeting of Agriculture
Post 36 will be held on March 20 in
Moose Hall, 1414 Eye St., N.W. On
April 15 the Post will hold a formal
ball at the Washington Hotel. It is
hoped that this will be the initial
of a series of annual events for De-
partment employees. For tickets apply
to any legion member. For an enjoy-
able evening, plan a party of your
own for this affair and dance to the
rhythm of Johnny Slaughter and his
orchestra.

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DANCE CLASS

We visited a class in ballroom and
tap dancing that is conducted by John
Mansuy at Roosevelt High each Thurs-
day night. The class started in 1936
with about 35 students and soon it had
outgrown its limited quarters. Now
there are about 120 embryo dancers.
Novelty dancing, group routine, waltz
clog, and a character dance form the
bulk of their repertoire. It is Mansuy's
boast that when the students complete
the 16 - 20 lesson course they can
cope with the best. He concentrates
on instilling a sense of rhythm into
pupils and devotes much time to correct
dancing positions. Men, women, and
children of all ages attend these ses-
sions.

It is interesting to note Mansuy's
observation that when a class falls
very near pay day, attendance slackens
considerably.

Agriculture employees and their
friends are invited. A nominal charge
of 25¢ is made but is more than compen-
sated for in the three hours of dancing
after class to the tune of a six-piece
orchestra.

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FOR STAMP COLLECTORS

An effort is being made to reorgan-
ize a club for the many stamp col-
lectors in the Department. Persons
interested should write to the Acti-
vities Editor, Room 104 Administration
Bldg.

HOUSING PROBLEMS

For Sale

HOUSES:

Clarendon, Va. - Frame, 1½-story,
7 rooms, 2 baths, lot 75 x 125.
Falls Church, Va. - 2-story, 6
rooms. About 2 acres of ground.

LOTS:

Woodland Beach, Md. - 2 lots with
small cottage.

For Rent

APARTMENTS:

1 room, kitchen, bath, with lease
to sublet. Furniture in it for
sale.
7th St., SW - 2-room, furnished,
for employed couple. Near De-
partment. Will arrange as 2
sleeping rooms if desired.
11th & M, NW - 4-room apartment, 2
bed rooms. Furniture in it for
sale, reasonable. Can be seen
any time.
23rd & D, NW - 2-rooms, furnished.
To sublet until October 15.
Ballston, Va. - 1-room, furnished.
Semi-private bath, in new home.
Lyon Park - 3 rooms, unfurnished.
Private home. Private entrance.
Cherrydale, Va. - 1 room, kitchen,
semi-private bath, furnished, in
private home.

ROOMS:

Belmont, NW - Southern exposure,
2 windows.
12th St., NE - Single, for man only.
M St., SE - Single and double - men
preferred.
N. St., NW - Double for girl to
share.
Double for 3 girls.
Double for man to share.
Single for man.
Basement, for 3 or 4
men.

ROOMS AND BOARD:

19th St., NW - 2 second floor double
rooms, twin beds, meals.

For particulars, see -

H. Albright, Room 1897 South Bldg.

WANTED

Furnished apartment, 2 or 3-room,
kitchen and bath, for family with
2 children.
Young lady to share 1-room bachelor
apartment at 18th & I, NW.
Young lady to share 1-room, kitchen
apartment in Hotel Annapolis.

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WELFARE STORE

Fresh Meats

Fresh Pork -	Lb.
Loin Roast.....	21¢
Rib Chops.....	21¢
Sausage Meat.....	20¢
Frozen Meats (Beef) -	
Chuck Roast.....	14¢
Rump Roast.....	15¢
Soup Bones.....	07¢
Plate Beef.....	07¢
Fresh Pork -	
Hams and Shoulders - at reasonable prices.	

Candy Specials

Week-end Specials:	Lb.
Assorted Chocolates	29¢ & 40¢
Old Fashioned Whipped Cream ...	25¢
Johnson Candy.....	50¢ & 80¢
Peanut Brittle.....	21¢

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GRADUATE SCHOOL

A Current Economic Lecture will be
held on Thursday March 19 at 8:00 p.m.
instead of Saturday March 21 at 2:00
p.m. in the Department Auditorium.
The speaker will be Dr. Ernest Minor
Patterson, of the faculty of the Uni-
versity of Pennsylvania.

His subject will be Taxation.
Considering the current situation,
what could be of more interest to you.
Lectures in this series are priced
at five for \$2.00.

For information contact -

The Graduate School,
Room 4090 South, Dr. Woods.

SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Athletic and Recreation Association wishes to impress upon you the fact that you do not necessarily have to be a star athlete in order to join in their activities. Classes and teams are formed for beginners and scrubs as well as are representative teams. The principal function of the organization is to afford workers in the Department an opportunity to obtain the exercise that is so sorely needed by most of us.

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An exceptionally fine record was made by the Resettlement basketball team, which has just closed its first season in the Heurich Cup League. In this group they won second honors, then went on to the quarter-finals of the A.A.U. tournament. The following men played on the team: Augustorfer, Bozak, Cleary, Freeman, Howel, Murphy, Sothoron, Rosenfield. The work of Manager Fuchs deserves commendation.

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After winning their first game of the A.A.U. basketball tournament by a wide margin, the Agriculture Flashes dropped a close game to the St. Martin's Club, and were eliminated. The team, managed by Joe Bertolini, is now in third place in the Community Center League and is pitted in the finals of the A.R.A. Inter-Bureau League with the Cotton Marketing team.

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Injuries and illness have forced the Agriculture Girls basketball team to cancel the remaining games scheduled for this season. The team was defeated in the opening game of the A.A.U. series, but was tied for first place in the Girls Community Center League. They had won nine and lost seven games this season.

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With most members of last year's champion N.R.A. team on their roster, the Resettlement Administration is expected to come through with a strong baseball club this season.

All teams wishing to join one of the A.R.A. Inter-Bureau Softball Leagues for the coming season are requested to send name of Bureau, name of manager, and branch number to Jimmy Hitchens, 908 Independence Avenue, SW, as soon as possible. A girls league will also be organized.

Volunteers are wanted to act as umpires for these games. A system is planned whereby all players in the league will be given a chance to play with the Department aggregation.

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DRAMATIC NEWS

Spring is here and is being heralded in great style by the dramatic club in the form of a monster rally to be held on Friday evening, March 26, at 8:15 in the Department Auditorium. An event is promised that none should miss for any reason short of quintuplets. There will be a play presented that sure is a knockout, and the comedy sketch is rather appropriately entitled for the leap year, "While Breakfast Waited". Appearing in the comedy are Viola Randolph and Stephen Truppner. Why not plan for an evening of rare entertainment, and be in the crowd on March 26?

Harry Humphries was elected director of the Dramatic group after Mr. Morrow's resignation.

Will the party who took the grease paint from the make-up kit backstage please return it to its owner, Miss Viola Randolph!

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DUPLICATE BRIDGE

The winners of the Duplicate Bridge Club game held on March 11 were Mr. and Mrs. Sumner C. Rowe, Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Little, and Dr. C. C. McDonnell.

The next game will be held on March 25 at 2400 16th St., NW. The time is 8:00 p.m. Admission is 50¢. Sterling prizes. Bring a partner.

The following amusing letters were received by the Office of Information, and it was suggested by an enthusiastic reader that we use them. Such suggestions from readers will be welcomed by the Exchange staff, and will receive consideration.

Dear Sir:

If you have any Bulletins how to tell good Moonshine from bad send it along, also how to make some for medical purpose in the household.

Dear Sir:

Please send me a package of your vegetable seeds and a package of seedless tomatoe seeds, and one canning book.

Dear Sir:

Please decide the following question which is the mother of the chick the hen that lays the egg or the hen that hatches the egg.

Dear Sir:

Some time ago I noticed an article on Big Manchurian eggs and hens.

I am a big man 240 lb. and need a big egg for my breakfast. I am interested in the matter and would thank you for any information you may have about the big eggs and chickens.

Dear Sir:

Please send me your Bulletin on or about vitamins. I have read many times of vitamins but have never seen a person that could tell me anything definite about them. I would like to see a photograph of one, would like to see if they favor a boll weevil or what they do favor or look like. If they are good for persons to swallow I would like to know what to swallow and what to let alone.

NOTICE!

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EDITOR

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HOME ECONOMICS

Many inquiries are received from northerners regarding good old Southern Sweet Potato Pie. The following is a recipe prescribed by the Bureau of Home Economics:

SWEET POTATO PIE

1-1/2 cups boiled, riced sweet potatoes.
2 cups milk
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon ginger
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 eggs
2 tablespoons butter
Pastry

Heat the sweetpotatoes, milk, sugar, ginger, and salt in a double boiler. Pour some of the hot mixture into the beaten eggs, mix all together and add the butter. Pour the hot filling into a deep baked pastry shell and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for about 30 minutes, or until the filling sets.

Note

If there is any particular recipe that you would like to appear in the Exchange, please drop a line to the Editor, Room 104 Administration Building and we shall try to comply with your requests.

AT LAST! We have now made a connection with a buying service which has been operating successfully in Washington for more than three years. Through this service we can obtain nearly all standard merchandise, such as new automobiles and accessories; furniture and floor coverings, electric appliances, standard watches, silverware, jewelry, oil burners, sporting goods, typewriters, drug store needs, and many other articles, at about 5% above wholesale costs. Read this list of merchandise on which the following savings can be made:

Automobiles (all makes)
 11% - 15%
 Automobile Accessories
 30% - 50%
 Automobile Batteries
 22%
 Automobile Radios
 25%
 Automobile Tires
 22% - 30%
 Camera Goods
 15% - 20%
 China
 35%
 Drug Store Needs
 20% - 30%
 Diamonds
 45%
 Electric Appliances
 25% - 35%
 Electric Fixtures
 40% - 45%
 Electric Ranges
 25% - 35%
 Electric Refrigerators
 10% - 20%
 Floor Coverings
 10% - 40%
 Furnace Blowers
 15% - 17½%
 Furniture
 30% - 50%
 Garage Equipment
 7% - 30%
 House Insulations
 5%
 Typewriters (all makes)
 10% - 15%

TWENTY FIVE PERCENT of the regular life membership fee of this service may be saved through the A.R.A. The benefit of this special drive is to be used in the worth while activities of the A.R.A

"It's no secret. We purchase directly from distributors and manufacturers - when requested to do so by Members - standard articles at wholesale prices. A small percentage is added for handling, and you save the difference between wholesale and retail prices. The combined buying power of 5,000 Members makes it possible for us to do this.

On retail purchases the commissions are based on the total amount of business produced from all our Members, as evidenced by cash sales slips and paid bills which cooperating Members send to our office."

Over 100 retail stores are already affiliated and include 5 barber and beauty shops, 3 laundry and dry cleaning establishments, 4 opticians, 25 wearing apparel stores, and a large number of grocery and meat markets.

Ask the following A. & R. A. people about membership --- a more complete list will be furnished in the next issue:

H.E.Pryor, AAA, 0712 South Bldg.
A.C.Edwards, BAE, 3841 " "
Jimmie Hitchens, AAA,
909 Independence Ave.

Jewelry
20% - 45%

Lawn Mowers
15% - 20%

Lighting Fixtures
40% - 45%

Mattresses
30% - 40%

Oil Burners
20% - 25%

Out Board Motors
15%

Radios
25% - 35%

Ranges
25% - 35%

Refrigerators
10% - 20%

Rugs
10% - 40%

Silverware
25% - 30%

Tires
22% - 30%

Trucks
11% - 15%

Vacuum Cleaners
10% - 30%

Venetian Blinds
5% - 10%

Washing Machines
25% - 30%

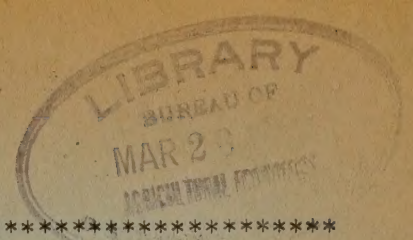
Watches
25% - 30%

Watch Repairing
25%

g. Water Heaters
30% - 35%

No telephone calls - send a note.

SAVE AND PLAY WITH THE A&RA



RIDING CLUB

At a meeting held by the U. S. D. A. Riding Club on Wednesday, March 18, Miss Mary Miller was elected Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing year.

It was decided that club members will meet each Thursday evening at 6:30 p. m., at the Yorkshire Stables, 2521 H Street, N. W.

Reservations should be made through Mrs. Roby Stehr or Mr. H. E. Pryor not later than Thursday noon.

A special meeting of all club members will be held Tuesday, March 24 in Room 0712, South Building, at 4:45 p.m.

With reference to riding outfits, you are requested to contact Mrs. Stehr, who can secure these outfits at a good reduction for members.

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A.R.A. BRIDGE CLUB

The winners of the Duplicate Game held Saturday, March 14, at 1603 K Street, were as follows:

North and South: Mr. J. L. Wilson and Mrs. Hodgkins (1st); Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hughes (2nd).

East and West: Mr. Dan Dahle and Mr. V. B. Bonney (1st); Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Stone (2nd).

The next game will be held Saturday, March 28. Come and bring a partner.

Registration for the instruction class for beginners in contract bridge will close March 28. If interested, contact Ethel E. Terry, Room 112, Administration Building, Office of the Secretary, immediately.

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The twenty-third annual Amaryllis show is being held in the Department greenhouses, Constitution Avenue and 14th Street. The show is open to the public from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. until March 26.

AGRICULTURAL CHORUS TO GIVE ANNUAL RENDITION OF THEODORE DUBOIS' "SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST"

So many requests have been received for a repetition of this beautiful cantata on Good Friday that it has been decided to make it an annual concert. Due to a previous engagement of the Auditorium by another group, it has been necessary to use the Federal Auditorium on Constitution Avenue.

For reservations, address the Agriculture Chorus with a chain envelope, 1613 South. State the number of people attending, and your name. Due to former attendance by outside enthusiasts, you are urged to do this as soon as possible.

Remember - 5 p. m., Good Friday, April 10, at the Federal Auditorium.

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DRAMATIC NEWS

Encircle "Thursday, March 26" with a red pencil, for at 8:15 p. m. our Dramatic Club will present its big Spring Rally in the Department Auditorium.

Featuring the program is "A Nephew in the House", played by Lois Rankin, Katherine Rowland, Lola Boswell, Luella Dever, and Bessie Cheatham. This will be followed by the hilarious "While Breakfast Waited", with Viola Randolph and Stephen Truppner. An instrumental trio will supply the musical interludes.

Come early for choice seats.

Remember, March 26 - 8:15 - Department Auditorium.

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HOUSING PROBLEMS

Did you know that if you are interested in locating a suitable room, apartment, or house, there is a service within the Department that will endeavor to find a place that is to your satisfaction? For further particulars see Mrs. Winfree, Welfare worker, Room 1897 South Building.

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Excerpts

If you are determined to get on in
the world, you want to put yourself in
a receptive attitude for every bit of
knowledge and all the better methods
and better ways of doing things that
you can get hold of. No matter where
it comes from, whether from office boy
or boss, it is your business to absorb
knowledge, to profit by mistakes and
criticisms, to gain skill, expertness
in every way possible. These are the
steps upon which you will climb into
something higher. They may not prove
easy steps, but there is no other way
to win out than to make stepping stones
of your stumbling blocks.

(O. S. Marden)

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As much a part as the Washington
Telephone Directory plays in the daily
actions of the employees of our Depart-
ment, I wonder how many of us there are
who can recall offhand the picture that
is outlined on its front cover?

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The National Symphony Orchestra will
present a Request Program during the
last of its Thursday concerts at 4:45
this week.

With deep regret, the Association
announces that unless their drive for a
\$100,000 sustaining fund is successful,
it will be impossible to stage the popu-
lar outdoor concerts which drew nation-
wide attention last year.

LEGION NOTES

Post 36 held their regular meeting
at Moose Hall, 1414 Eye Street, on Fri-
day, March 21, with the admittance of
several new members featuring the even-
ing.

The outlook for the ball to be held
by the Post on April 15 at the Washing-
ton Hotel is very encouraging. Indica-
tions are that it will be a big "Agri-
culture Affair", as the employees of
the various Bureaus are planning get-
together at the ball. For further in-
formation please inquire of any Post
member.

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IOWA STATE COLLEGE ALUMNI
FOUNDERS' DAY DINNER

The National Capital Chapter Iowa
State College Alumni will celebrate the
institution's 78th anniversary with a
dinner at The Broadmoor on Friday,
March 27, at 7 p. m.

Dean T. R. Agg, of the college of
engineering, will be present. Secretary
Henry A. Wallace, Assistant Secretary
M. L. Wilson, Dr. C. W. Warburton,
director of the Extension Service, of
the Department, Dr. R. A. Pearson,
special assistant to the Administrator,
Resettlement Administration, former
president of the college, and members
of the Iowa delegation in Congress are
expected to attend.

E. B. Rhine, Bureau of Public Roads,
is president of the chapter, and Miss
Catherine Ford, Bureau of Entomology
and Plant Quarantine, is secretary.

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RESETTLEMENT PRESS CLUB

The Resettlement Administration pro-
posed Press Club reports that its orga-
nization plans are taking hold in a very
satisfactory manner.

The aim of the group is to further
the knowledge of Resettlement workers
interested in Journalism and Art. All
persons desirous of increasing their
knowledge in these two subjects are urged
to contact Mr. Aubrey Kinney, Resettle-
ment Extension 451.

AMUSING LETTERS

The following amusing letters have come to the attention of the Office of Information, and appear as exact reproductions:

Dear Sir:

Several years ago I was the happy and contented possessor of a profitable little farming enterprise, but the cruel ravages of the Missouri River during a flood destroyed my peaceable outlook on life, when it washed away the vital soil. The other morning I awoke, and imagine my surprise when I stepped out to get the morning mail and there was my farm, back again just where a Kansas dust storm had blown it. I should like to prevent a recurrence of this and would appreciate any booklets or information on this subject.

Dear Sir:

I would like to know about my age and can't get to know anywhere. Tell me what day in the week was it that the 13th of August 1896 fell on so I can know how old I am.

Dear Sir:

Will you be so kind as to send me a formular for makeing a prepparation to kill rats roaches and aunts. We had one but the man that put it up went to bed and woke up the next morning dead. I can't find the form- alure so hope you can find it for me soon.

Dear Sir:

I would like to obtain any booklets that you have about termites, or any other breeds of Indians.

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The Kansas State College Alumni will hold a dinner-dance at the Shoreham on Thursday, March 26, at 7 o'clock in honor of Dr. John S. Hughes, of the College faculty.

Dr. C. L. Marlatt, of the Department, will preside.

Make reservations now by calling Mr. A. B. Nystrom, secretary, at District 6350, Branch 2376.

WELFARE STORE

Fresh Meats

Fresh Pork - Loin Roast) at very rea-
Rib Chops) sonable prices
Fresh Beef - Choice Rib Roast..23¢ lb.

Smoked Meats

Smoked Hams 24¢ lb.
Smoked Shoulders 16¢ lb.

Cheese

Swiss Cheese 20¢ lb.
Roquefort Cheese, SPECIAL45¢ lb.

Syrups

Maple Syrup -100% Pure- Gal... \$2.45
Qt.... .68
Pt.... .38
12-oz. .28

Lard

Pure Pork Lard - 2-lb.Bucket...\$.25

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THE A. R. A.

For popular recreational activities
And other forms of diversion
An organization has been formed
The Agricultural Recreational
Association.

For pleasant moments and loads of fun
Join this congenial club of ours
And partake in the varied events
Relax! and enjoy your leisure hours.

Sign right now on the dotted line
And become a life-long member
An action that you'll never regret
A year's enjoyment- from January
to December.

Robert Scott - Info.

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Why not attend a Thursday night session of the A.R.A. Dance Class and be convinced that a really good time can be had for a small investment?

The time is 7 p.m. and the place is Roosevelt High School.

SPORTS

Plans for all athletic activities for the coming season will be completed at this week's meeting of the Executive Board of the A.R.A. Athletic Council.

The A.R.A.'s activities are for YOU. Take advantage of it!

BASKETBALL

Congratulations are due Joe Bertolini and his Clearance boys who were victorious in defeating Cotton Marketing in the finals of the Inter-Bureau Basketball League. Hail champs!

SOFTBALL

Monday, March 30, 4:45

Meeting of representatives of all teams entering the Inter-Bureau Softball Leagues in Room 0712 South.

Tuesday, March 31, 4:45

Meeting of representatives of all girls' teams entering the leagues in Room 0712 South.

The A.R.A. needs volunteers to join our School for Umpires. If interested, send your name, Bureau, room and branch numbers to Jimmy Hitchens, supervisor of Softball, O. P. O. Comptroller's Office.

If you are in a non-playing Bureau and desire to play softball, contact Jimmy Hitchens.

BASEBALL

The strong teams of Public Roads, A.A.A., Resettlement, and our regular Agriculture group almost assure some additions to the trophy case in the Administration Building.

Manager Pryor is highly encouraged by the candidates for the Department team which is entered in the Government League, the fastest and strongest in the city.

TRACK

John Sanders, former Louisiana State runner, and Arnold Preheim, national decathlon champion, are already warming up for the coming meets. Track practice will be called in the near future.

TENNIS-GOLF

Play will start as soon as weather permits. Join now!

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Remember, we won the pennant of the Herald-Govt. Softball League, the cup of the District League, the championship of the South Atlantic League, and a trip to Chicago to compete in the National Championship-only to be beaten by the Arkansas Champs.

We intend to make a better record this season.

Give us your support!

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CHESS TOURNAMENT AND MATCH ANNOUNCEMENT

The annual A.R.A. Chess Tournament is now in its third month, with about one-half of the games completed. The following is the standing of leading entrants:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Branch of Dept.</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Paschal	AAA	.923
Burch	BAI	.792
Chmielewski	AAA	.750
Sturges	BAE	.750
Hervey	AAA	.600
Hoffman	BAE	.531
Simmons	AAA	.500

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WELFARE BINGO PARTY

The Welfare Association Spring Dance and Bingo Party is being planned for April 18 in the Patio of the Administration Building. The admission price has been set at 25¢, and for this small amount the surprise entertainment alone on the program will be well worth the investment.

Further announcements will appear in future issues of the Exchange. Viola Schants, BBS, is chairman.